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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am delighted to announce that Pontefract Academies Trust has been shortlisted for 'Multi Academy Trust of the Year' at the 2024 MAT Excellence Awards.

The MAT Excellence Awards are a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate the hard work, dedication, and commitment of multi-academy trusts around the country.

The awards, held in June 2024, are well-recognised across the education sector. The Trust making the shortlist in this category is a recognition for every pupil, parent, carer, colleague, governor, and trustee across our family of nine schools. It reflects the journey of cultural transformation and performance improvement in which everyone has played their part.

I am extremely proud that we have been nominated for this award. Whilst taking nothing away from other multi-academy trusts, we are very much a locality-based Trust, with our schools all based within an eight-mile radius. As an education charity, we are very committed to our local communities. Our strong roots in the local area hopefully make this nomination a feel-good factor for all community partners.

To find out more about the 2024 MAT Excellence Awards, visit <https://matexcellence.co.uk/>

As ever, thank you for your continued support.



Julian Appleyard OBE  
CEO - Pontefract Academies Trust

