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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Ofsted Report

As many of you will be aware our latest Ofsted Inspection took place just before the Easter holiday. I am writing to share with you the final report that will go live on the Ofsted website in the next few days.

Unlike our previous inspection there is no longer a single grade to judge a school, instead schools are graded in a range of different areas with grades ranging from Exceptional to Urgent Improvement. The new inspection framework means that there is a more focussed approach into all areas of school life and allows for more specific feedback in those areas rather than a one overarching grade.

You will see from our report that in several areas we have met the expected standard for secondary schools, and there are lots of references to the students and the positive working relationships between students and staff in the academy. Throughout the two inspection days the inspection team made lots of comments on how engaging, polite and respectful our students are, and our students should be incredibly proud of how they represented themselves to our visitors during the inspection.

The report naturally highlights areas that we need to still work on, but as I have always been keen to stress, we will always strive to improve and make things better and the inspection process further confirms the areas of the academy that we need to channel our efforts and improve.

If there is a section of the report that I would encourage you to particularly read it would be the section titled 'What it's like to be a pupil at this school'. I believe at this current time that this section summaries well where I believe our academy is from the perspective of our students and what we need to be doing next to help make the experience our students have at our academy, an even better one. This latest Ofsted report, I believe, reflects well on and what we see from, our students every day. Our plans will be to continue to build upon these foundations so that we know we are providing every opportunity for our students to have success both now and in the future.

None of this could be achieved without your support. I am grateful for both the support and challenge you provide us and your children to be better and we look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that we exceed the standards that your children and our students deserve.

We now move forward so that over the next four to five years we do all we can to ensure that our students have the best possible preparation for the next stages of their lives.

Kind regards.

Mark Woodhouse
Principal