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Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Inspection Report

I wanted to write to you to thank you for your support during our recent Ofsted inspection [14 March] and to share some of the positive feedback from the inspectors. I am delighted that the inspectors have recognised the excellent work underway at the academy and judged us to be 'Good'.

During their short visit, which was the first time we had been inspected since we were judged 'Good' in 2013, inspectors highlighted a number of areas for praise including the quality of teaching and learning. Inspectors credited our teachers with the rise in standards and said that 'engaging lessons' and a 'focus on supporting [students'] individual needs' is leading to improved academic achievement. Teachers were also praised for the 'positive ethos' which exists throughout the school and for 'encouraging pupils to be ambitious about their academic achievement'.

Other areas highlighted by the inspectors were:

- Improved attendance;
- The academy's 'strong culture of safeguarding';
- The academy's 'valuable culture of reading' which means students 'are enthused by reading';
- Our new Sixth Form curriculum, which 'matches the profile of the students and reflects the needs of the local community'.

This report is testament to the hard work of students and staff and bodes very well for the academy's future. Thank you again for all your support and to students who behaved impeccably throughout the inspectors' visit.

With very best wishes

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