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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Inspection

I have just received the final letter from the lead inspector, following our recent inspection. The letter is on our website and can be accessed at the bottom of this letter. It will also be published on the Ofsted site on or around 20 April.

I am not sure why the letter has taken so long in delivery, although the first draft did require us to make some factual corrections.

I am pleased that the school is recognised as providing a good quality of education and how it has been noted that improvements have been made since our previous inspection in 2013. The letter, although brief, highlights a number of positive aspects of the school and some areas for development that we have previously identified in our own planning.

It remains regrettable that Ofsted continue to inspect boys' schools in comparison to girls' and mixed schools. This is unfair to boys' schools and favours, in particular, single-sex girls' schools.

In our recent Challenge Partners Review (November 2016), the lead reviewer - also a qualified Ofsted inspector with many years of experience - made a point of reviewing the school in relation to national results for boys. The outcome in the review was that the school was outstanding. My colleagues and I continue to lobby and fight for schools like ours to be properly acknowledged through the Ofsted process.

Please do read the letter, which notes, amongst other comments, how our students "enjoy learning and feel suitably challenged"; the "strong commitment of staff"; and how we continue to encourage the "development of 'courteous, respectful and calm' young men, reflecting the school's well-established values". You can find it by clicking [here](#).

Yours faithfully,

Euan Ferguson
Headteacher

