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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Ofsted Report – November 2023**

We are delighted to inform you that our school has been rated **Good** by Ofsted in our most recent inspection. This is tremendous recognition of all the immensely hard and innovative work which takes place within our “rich and inclusive school community” (Ofsted, November 2023).

While we are incredibly proud of our staff, students and parents/carers for all their dedication that has contributed to this well-deserved success, we are also acutely aware of the current media coverage of Ofsted after the tragic death of fellow Headteacher, Ruth Perry. Given this, it is important to note that Ofsted is merely one measure of appraising schools; it is a statutory requirement that checks and challenges schools on their progress. As senior leaders, we use a range of measures to evaluate what we do well and where we can improve.

Ofsted inspectors assess all schools against a rigorous set of national standards. Our school performed exceptionally well in each of these standards. Crucially, we received very positive feedback from the inspectors on the progress made over the last 18 months in areas of improvement identified at the previous inspection.

The 2023 report commends our students for their positive attitudes to learning, noting how they work hard in lessons while following an ambitious curriculum. School attendance is recognised as being very good and, crucially, learners are provided with a wide ranging of extra-curricular opportunities which develop their skills, passions, and personal development. The report also identifies the dedication and support of our teaching staff and the way that they precisely provide the key knowledge which young people need to learn. In particular, the report highlights how students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are quickly identified and well-supported. In addition, Ofsted acknowledges the good work in the Sixth Form as well as careers education across the school.

As with all Ofsted inspections, the report highlights one or two areas where our school could improve. We have already begun taking the steps to address these.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents/carers and Trustees for their continued support and involvement in their child’s education. It is your commitment to your child’s learning that makes a significant contribution to their success. We do hope you share our pride in our school’s achievement. We will always work tirelessly to ensure that every child in our school receives the very best possible education and achieves their full potential.

A copy of the full Ofsted report can be found on the [school website](#) (as it is yet to be published on the Ofsted official website).

Yours faithfully,



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