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To parents/carers of students in Years 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and Sixth Form

Dear Parent/Carer

I am pleased to let you know that our OfSTED report from our Section 5 visit is available for you on the academy's website. If you are unable to access it and would like a hard copy, please contact my PA, Gill Britten, to request one.

Although we did not reach our target of 'good with outstanding features', when you read the report you will see that it is extremely praiseworthy. I was particularly proud of the way our students, your children, responded during the two days especially as one of the inspectors commented to us that "*Any headteacher would give their right arm to have students as well behaved as yours.*" We have come on a long journey from when we were in special measures 2½ years ago.

The many good and outstanding features include:

- Capacity for improvement
- The extent to which students feel safe
- Students' behaviour
- The extent to which students contribute to the school and wider community
- Students' attendance
- The extent of students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development
- The extent to which the curriculum meets students' needs
- The effectiveness of care, guidance and support
- The effectiveness of partnerships in promoting learning and well-being
- The effectiveness of safeguarding procedures.

We still have areas in which we need to make improvements and we will be putting together an action plan in order to 'make our best better'. We will continue to have high expectations for this summer's exams and if we achieve this I am sure we will be viewed as 'good with outstanding features'.

Yours sincerely



John Szynal
Headteacher

