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Dear Parent / Carer

I'm writing to advise you that Ofsted have now published their report on the academy following our inspection last term.

Inspectors used a range of both current and historical information about the academy to form their judgement during the two days they were with us.

A copy of the report can be read here: <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

Although inspectors recognised some of the positive work we're now doing to improve educational standards, their overall judgement is that the academy is inadequate, with some of the issues connected to our recent past.

Ofsted made it clear they understood the journey the academy has been on since opening and recognised that over time there has been a lack of stability. The report says: "This has now changed with the arrival of the new headteacher. The new leadership team understand the deep-rooted issues for the school. They genuinely care about and want the best for pupils. They are committed to providing a safe environment in which all pupils can flourish."

As headteacher I fully accept Ofsted's findings and had already identified the areas to improve and begun work on them following my arrival at the academy last year.

Robust plans are in place to accelerate the pace of change and to urgently tackle the issues raised, building on the improvements we have already made to the curriculum which were noted by inspectors during their visit.

Inspectors were reassured by these improvements which are allowing students to deepen their subject knowledge and understanding, and the report says: "Leaders understand how important it is for all pupils to benefit from a high-quality curriculum. The new headteacher has wasted no time in working with subject leaders to design an ambitious curriculum, particularly in Key Stage 3."

Our immediate priority now is to ensure that every area of the academy improves rapidly and we will continue to work in collaboration with families, staff, Ofsted, and others to drive forward the necessary improvements to ensure every child receives an excellent education and reaches their full potential.

I would like to invite you to a meeting for all parents and carers at the academy next week on Thursday 13th February, 5:00pm-6:30pm, to discuss the plans in place to improve the academy, and to get your views about the ways in which we can work together to support our students.

Yours sincerely



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