

7th January 2022

Dear Parents

Ofsted Inspection: November 2021

As we begin the new term, we wanted to update you on the full Ofsted inspection that took place in the school in November. We are pleased to report that the inspectors concluded that the Academy continues to be a Good school in every aspect of its performance.

The inspectors' report has been placed on the school website and we would encourage you to read it. It contains strong endorsements of the staff and students' approach to their education and their enthusiasm for their school. This is particularly encouraging given the circumstances of the past two years and the inspectors are clear that, throughout this time, the school has retained its ambition for every student and its aspirations for their success. It is pleasing that the inspectors recognised the work that has gone in to addressing the challenges of the Pandemic through the "personalised" curriculum and that students "are happy to be part of an ambitious and determined community". Likewise, despite the time away from school, the inspectors praise the "supportive relationships" between staff and students and that leaders and governors retain "high expectations" for all students.

Every good school relies on a positive partnership with parents, and we would like to thank you for your support of the Academy and for the vital role that you have played over the past two years in continuing to encourage your child's learning. Despite the ongoing presence of Covid-19, the school is clearly focused on helping every student catch up on missed opportunities and learning over the past two years. It is vital that this work continues at pace throughout this academic year and beyond so that we can ultimately minimise the impact that the Pandemic has on this generation of young people.

May we wish you a very happy and successful New Year.

Sir Jon Coles

Chief Executive

Dame Sally Coates

Director of Secondary Education