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Dear Parents

I am pleased to forward a letter I received this week from Alun Williams, the Lead Inspector for our Ofsted Inspection visit which took place on 19 September 2017.

The visit was what is known as a *Section 8* inspection which is a one day visit for schools which were rated *Good* in a previous inspection. The Inspector does not write a full report but produces a letter which outlines the team's findings in a few specific areas.

Although you are able to read the letter in full, I would like to draw your attention to a few areas of which we are particularly proud:

- The school continues to be good.
- We know our school well, including its strengths and weaknesses.
- The curriculum provides an appropriate range of subjects for pupils.
- Teaching is now strong in most subjects.
- Most pupils make strong progress in most subjects and by the end of Y11 most pupils achieve high standards in the majority of subjects.
- Sixth Form students make consistently good progress and the proportion of students who move on to university is well above that seen nationally.
- We provide high-quality pastoral care for pupils, especially those who are vulnerable in some way
- Governance is effective and Governors hold school leaders to account for the school's performance

We are extremely pleased that the Inspection Team noted that our school was a strong community and that they acknowledged our genuine desire for pupils to be safe and happy while they achieve as well as they can in their studies.

Our next steps will be to: improve teaching in Business Studies, ICT and Design & Technology; and to ensure that the progress of disadvantaged pupils continues to accelerate and the number that are persistently absent reduces.

I wish to thank all parents, students and staff who contributed to the inspection and helped the team reach their judgements. We are indeed a strong community.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Evans

Headteacher