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Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to share the results of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place last month and will go live on OfSTED's website imminently.

OfSTED has confirmed that our school meets the **expected standard in all six categories and safeguarding standards are met.** This achievement reflects our ambitious and inclusive culture alongside our desire for students to achieve exceptionally well.

You may be aware that in December 2025, the old system of summarising an inspection with one word, for example: Outstanding or Good, was replaced with a new framework which summarises results across a range of areas using a report card. Our report card can be found here <https://shorturl.at/DzpwL>

The new framework reflects the government's desire to raise expectations for young people across the country and the new framework is much tougher than previous ones. Making this a fantastic achievement.

Having chosen schools for my own children in the past, my expected standard as a parent has always been that my children will receive a high level of education that provides them with great opportunities to succeed and leave with best possible outcomes.

Ofsted has written that 'pupils are proud of the school's increasingly positive reputation' and 'they are pleased that leaders have made the school a calm and orderly place to learn.'

The team of six Inspectors added that 'pupils are now learning the ambitious curriculum well' and that 'this prepares them effectively for their next steps in learning.'

Beyond the classroom, our school has been judged to offer 'something for everyone', with pupils 'enjoying a wide range of additional opportunities in school' where 'they know that they can be themselves... and feel that they belong.'

I and the leadership team are incredibly proud that the inspection team saw what we see every day; staff and students committed to improving the school and having high aspirations of what we can achieve underpinned by our core values and our motto of 'we seek the best.'

While we absolutely take great pride in these latest Ofsted results, we are not complacent. Each and every single day presents an opportunity for all of us: staff, pupils and the wider community, to improve and get better in our continued pursuit of 'the best.'

I am committed to driving that work further, and I am grateful for your continued support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Critchley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Mr I Critchley
Executive Principal