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Dear Parents and Carers

I am proud to inform you that Ofsted have judged that the Sir John Colfox Academy is a Good School following their recent inspection.

I was pleased that Ofsted recognised that we are ambitious for all our students and that our new curriculum is well-planned to increase achievement and pupils' enjoyment of learning. The inspectors found that students have strong relationships with adults, are encouraged to try new things, enjoy extra-curricular opportunities and are enthusiastic about reading.

The full report is attached to this email.

We are very proud of all our students, and it was no surprise to us that Ofsted found them 'polite and attentive' and noted that they described our school as 'tolerant and respectful'.

The report captures that we value community. We are working to create an even stronger and supportive environment where a culture of kindness thrives. The inspectors were impressed with our sixth formers, who volunteer their time in our 'Give Back' scheme to help younger students and noted that our community links are strong. I would like to thank you, our Parents and Carers, for working together with us to support all our young people.

Ofsted also recognised that we have responded well to increased challenges following the pandemic by expanding and improving pastoral care and support available to students and adopting a more therapeutic behaviour policy, which has had a 'positive impact'.

Here at Colfox, we want our students to enjoy their education and benefit from as many opportunities as possible. I was pleased that Ofsted recognised that 'what pupils learn is more than just preparation for examinations'. They also noted that our school 'prides itself on the range of opportunities for pupils to broaden their experiences beyond the classroom'. Our Careers Programme was praised for preparing students 'well for the future'.

Ofsted recognised that 'pupils with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) and those who are disadvantaged receive additional support' and that 'pupils with SEND are accurately identified and teachers know

them well. The school works effectively with these pupils'. We believe there is more work to be done and our aim is to work together with Parents and Carers to further improve.

The inspectors always identify areas of improvement, these such as ensuring new policies are applied consistently, were already being addressed and I can assure you that this work continues.

The changes we are making across our school are part of an improvement journey, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our brilliant teachers and staff for all they do to support our young people as we continue this journey together.

Please do read the report and I wish you all a very peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely



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