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Dear Parents/Carers

During our first Ofsted inspection in mid-January the team of inspectors acknowledged that there had been effective action taken by both governors and leadership to bring about the significant changes involved in expanding the school and moving it from the independent to the state sector.

They recognised the improvement in the quality of teaching since opening as a Free School and the school's honest and accurate evaluation of its strengths and weaknesses and its recognition that because it was on a journey, it was a little too early, at that time, to be able to judge the impact of all of this.

At the time of the publication of our first Ofsted inspection report we stated that we were pleased with the school's development in the early stages of this journey, assured that we were heading in the right direction with accelerated progress towards our targets. This has been confirmed by our recent Ofsted monitoring visit report and I enclose a copy with this letter.

It is a very good monitoring visit report and the visiting HMI, Jan Bennett, recognised that *'leaders and governors have a very clear view of what needs to be done and are prioritising well and moving the school forward at a very fast but well-judged pace.'*

The fact that she has made no further recommendations in this report and has advised us that we may choose how best to use our two remaining days of HMI support speaks volumes.

Having the data against which we are able to target set allows for a more robust tracking of pupils' progress, something which we did not have access to this time last year. Consequently pupils are making much better progress than last year and this was recognised in the report. As a result we optimistically await this year's results expecting to see a higher proportion of our Year 11 students achieving five A*-C including English and mathematics.

We are extremely pleased with this recent report which illustrates the progress we are making and we fully expect the school to receive a good or better judgement at our next inspection.

I would like to thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Head