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Dear Students, Parents/Carers

### Ofsted Report on Haywood Academy

I am pleased to enclose the official Ofsted report following the Academy's full inspection carried out some three weeks ago. This can also be viewed on our website and the official Ofsted website.

When I arrived at the school almost one year ago, it was my firm belief that Haywood was a good school with a great future ahead of it. Since then, I have been immensely impressed with the students and staff. It has been particularly pleasing that so many past, present and future parents have also been highly complimentary when visiting the Academy, often saying that students are a credit to, what they believe is a 'lovely' school. For me, these type of comments are some of the most important that can be made about any school.

The Ofsted report is very pleasing. However, what it does not say is how close we were in each category to achieving an outstanding grade, the highest Ofsted judgement that can be given and indeed a true reflection of how highly the Academy is rated. During the inspection one of the Ofsted inspectors, who was a Headteacher herself, said to me that we had 'a lovely school which we should all be proud of'.

The Academy's Governors, who are in the majority local people, have given and continue to give outstanding support to the Academy and the wider community and I know I can speak for all of them in saying that they are proud of the comments within this inspection report.

We have exciting times ahead of us at Haywood - with the best GCSE results ever expected in August and a new 6th form due to open in September next year, being among many highlights. The aim, as always, is to provide the highest quality opportunities for children in the area and for them to be the very best that they can be.

I could not think of a better way to finish this letter to you all, other than to say that Ofsted spent two days in the school, in the main speaking to students, who all commented that they felt the school was a happy place and that they were proud to be students at Haywood.

Thank you for all your continued support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely



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