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Dear Parents/carers

Please find attached the letter from our recent Ofsted short inspection. As you know the school was inspected on the 3rd March 2016. If you have been graded as a good in your previous inspection, which we had, you then qualify for a short inspection in approximately three years' time. This involves Ofsted checking to see if you are still a good school and if they are satisfied with this the inspection lasts the one day. If they feel the evidence indicates the grading of the school could change up or down the inspection becomes two days.

Our inspection lasted a day and the evidence the inspectors gathered showed clearly we are still a very good school. In fact the HMI indicated if this had been a full inspection the Sixth Form could well have changed rating to outstanding. The inspection team were also very impressed with the behaviour of students rating it as being very good and again mentioned it could have been outstanding. I would also like to draw your attention to certain extracts from the letter:

'Pupils behave very well in lessons and around the school.'

Pupils say that disruption to their learning is rare and if it does occur, teachers deal with it effectively.

Pupils' attitudes to their lessons are very positive, and they enjoy positive relationships with teachers. This means lessons are calm and productive. Pupils work hard.

..pupils take care with their presentation and their pride in their work is apparent

Current pupils are making good progress across the school. Evidence in pupils' books show that work is of a good standard across a range of subjects.

The Sixth Form thrive in a very positive learning environment

Outcomes in the Sixth Form have improved considerably since the last inspection

Sixth formers have a high profile in the school. Many take on mentoring roles and recognise the importance of supporting younger pupils. Inspectors spoke with sixth formers in meetings and around the school. They were very positive about the guidance and support they receive, and about the school on the whole; one described it as being 'like a family-a very happy family'

I would like to thank all the Staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the school improved and developed over the last year. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support and all the students for their hard work and positive attitudes.

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MARK RUTHERFORD SCHOOL

The 'Good' outcome from our inspection supports all of the hard work and commitment that staff, students, parents and all of our stakeholders have put into the School. Now we must build on this success with a continuing commitment to high standards, positive relationships and strong working partnerships.

Thank you

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