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Dear Parents and Carers

Following my letter issued on Monday, you will be aware that Ofsted has just completed a two day monitoring inspection of our school. This was the first of a series of monitoring visits where the focus is very much directed on whether Leadership and Management (ie. the Trust (EMET), Governance, the Senior Leadership team and Heads of Department) has the capacity to improve the school in the shortest timeframe possible.

I am not permitted to disclose the outcome of the inspection until the report is published but I would anticipate this to be within ten working days. I will ensure that you are all provided with a copy of this report which will also be published on our website.

However, I would like to feedback to you with my perspective of the students. During the inspection I was delighted with the behaviour and attitude of each and every one of them. They were unfailingly polite, they spoke with clarity and authority to the inspection team and they demonstrated excellent attitudes in their lessons. I felt so very proud of them and of the efforts that they are making to ensure that our school mantra of 'precious lesson time' really does permeate all that they do. Please do congratulate them at home.

Please may I take this opportunity to remind you that our next parent and carer information evening is on **Thursday 15 March at 6pm in the Hive**. Our agenda will be to discuss Ofsted's most recent findings, to share with you our current academic progress measures for all year groups but particularly for Year 11 and Year 13 and to gather your views on on-going changes at school. May I remind you that Mr de Rijk runs a weekly clinic for any concerns pertaining to individual student matters so please do not wait until our parent meeting before raising any issues that you may have about an individual child. This will enable us to focus on more general matters at our meeting.

Finally, may I thank you for your attendance at our new look parents' and carers' evenings. I am thrilled that the new arrangements, suggested by you, have enabled so many of you to come and become a true partner with us in your child's education.

I look forward to meeting you again on 15 March.

Yours sincerely

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