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with Leading Edge Status

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Dear Parents / Carers

Please find attached a copy of the published letter following our short Ofsted inspection on Wednesday 1 February 2017.

I am delighted that the behaviour and conduct of our wonderful pupils is recognised, I state whenever possible that they are our best form of advertisement and I am reminded again how true this is. I am personally delighted the letter recognises our professional and caring staff who work tirelessly to support your sons and daughters. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all parents for your overwhelmingly positive feedback during inspection and for the tremendous support you give to the school every day. The strengths of our home – school partnership is the foundation stone of our school and is key to all we achieve together, I can assure you I never take for granted how important and valuable this is.

The school would have liked a greater emphasis on how we provide a holistic education for every single pupil, where they develop academically, spiritually, morally and socially which enables them to grow into mature, kind, polite and respectful young adults. Academic standards are of course, very important and our GCSE results have always been excellent, with 2016 scores placing us in the top 30% of schools nationally for progress. At the same time the school performed exceptionally well in the three other headline measures, for example, our English Baccalaureate score is almost twice the national average. Whilst we would have liked our excellent academic tradition coupled with our holistic educative approach to have received greater focus and therefore recognition during the inspection, the letter paints an extremely positive picture of our school.

I also note that there are two recommendations that have been made and as part of our relentless focus on continuous improvement we will of course address them.

Yours faithfully

M J Dumican
HEADTEACHER

