

16<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

## **Ofsted Inspection Report**

With the new term underway, we wanted to write to you following the academy's recent Ofsted inspection, which took place in November.

During their visit, the inspectors found much to praise across the academy, including the ethos of high expectations, collective sense of community and strength of relationships between students and staff. As the report highlights, this ensures that students feel safe and supported, enjoy their learning, and play an active role in school life.

The inspectors have judged both the behaviour and attitudes of students and their personal development to be strongly 'Good'. They have, however, concluded that improvement is needed in some aspects of teaching and learning, which has led to an overall judgement of 'Requires Improvement'. As the report acknowledges, Mr McGuire and his senior leadership team are fully aware of where further work is required in a small number of areas and have already begun putting in place what is needed. We are confident that this will quickly address the challenges highlighted by Ofsted and ensure consistency across the full breadth of the curriculum.

We would like to thank staff, parents, and governors for everyone's continued support of the academy; it remains in a strong position to deliver on the areas of catch-up and improvement required and to continue to thrive going forward.

Yours sincerely

Sir Jon Coles Dame Sally Coates

Chief Executive Director of Secondary Academies