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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Ofsted Monitoring visit

I just wanted to write with some important information about Bexhill Academy.

As you may recall, in early February our school was visited by Ofsted for what is known as a monitoring visit. This is a formal inspection but the inspectors do not give an overall grade. Instead they make a determination about whether the school is making progress on our journey to becoming a *Good* school.

I am delighted to tell you that at the end of the inspection the inspector found that *"the teaching and learning staff group is driving improvements in the quality of education"*, there have been *"palpable improvements in behaviour"* and that *"staff are developing a more expert understanding of how to ensure the needs of pupils with SEND"* are met.

As a result, the inspector concluded that *"leaders have made progress to improve the school"*.

While this is just a milestone on a much bigger journey, and there is still work to do, it is still an important moment for us to acknowledge. A huge amount is being undertaken to ensure that we are creating the very best opportunities for each and every student, and it is pleasing that this has been recognised.

What we take most pride from, however, is that many comments in the report actually directly refer to feedback from the students themselves. The inspector, for example, found that our young people think *"that the school is a 'nicer place to be' compared with at the time of the last inspection"* and that *"the reward assemblies and rewards points system are inspiring pupils to do their best, behave well and work harder"*.

As important as Ofsted is, given that we do all that we do for our students, this is the feedback that really drives the changes that we are making.

I would also like to thank our community for their ongoing support. Not only does this include our fantastic parents, but we are also continuing to work closely with leaders from the Mulberry Schools Trust. As the report highlights, we *"are forming positive working relationships with their leaders"* and this is having a very beneficial impact. Our staff also receive praise for embracing and embedding the changes that are being made, and I would like to thank them for their unwavering commitment to our students. The effectiveness of our Trustees was also noted.

We are all acutely aware, however, that there is still much work to do to help us meet the very high aspirations we have for ourselves and your children. We will continue to work with pace and purpose, and I am genuinely excited about what the coming terms will bring.

As always, our door is always open. If you have any questions or comments, then please do get in touch.

Many thanks,



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Headteacher