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Dear Parent/Carer,

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I wanted to write to you following our recent Ofsted Visit on the 13th and 14th May. We had been looking forward to this inspection and I am delighted to share the report with you.

An experienced Ofsted team, led by one of His Majesty's Inspectors, came and looked at all parts of the Academy and made judgements on four separate areas of our work:

- When discussing the **Quality of Education** they gave us the grade of **Good** because 'Staff use their strong subject knowledge to present information clearly, ensuring that the work given to pupils aligns with ambitious curriculum goals'. The team visited multiple lessons and spoke to several varied pupil panels to help them reach this judgements.
- When discussing **Behaviour and Attitudes** the team gave us a **Good** grading because 'pupils learn to act responsibly and as a result they demonstrate high levels of respect for each other, staff and visitors. Relationships are strong.' This was evident to the team in the lessons they visited and the students they spoke to it was also something that came through from the parental survey and other parental voice evidence we presented.
- When discussing **Personal Development** the team gave us a **Good** grading describing 'the school's approach to the wider personal development of pupils' as a 'shining strength'. Our outreach work in the community, the careers events we have run and partnerships with companies like Red Bull Racing all contributed to this grading. Most importantly in this judgement inspectors were able to see the Academy's values in effect and how they shape the lives and professional relationships of staff, students, and parents.
- When discussing **Leadership and Management** inspectors deemed the school as being **Good**. Inspectors noted that 'Leaders, including Trust leaders, have an accurate understanding of the school's strengths and priorities for development'. It is important to note that this reflects leaders at all levels, including our student leaders such as our prefects and those who are part of the student council.

This is just the start of our journey. We have already begun work on the next phase of our development which now has the official title '**Good to Great**'. As part of this we are asking staff, students and parents to complete a survey on where they want us to go next. The survey on this link <https://edurio.com/poll/Lf0rsb> will be open for a week to allow parents to have their say and allow me and my team to take into account your wishes and desires. Whilst our report is very pleasing, we know we can do better; please let us know what you want from the next phase and how you can support us in delivering it.

For too long some of our students, our staff and our parents have felt that Milton Keynes Academy has been labelled as 'not as good' as some of the other schools in the city. We know the journey we are on and that by working together, we are making a difference. **We are a good school in every way**; that has now been recognised by Ofsted, to the benefit of our community - and whatever the doubters might say. Our next steps, now, include growing the school's numbers and working together to get better results. If you know of someone who is critical of our work, ask them to contact us.

If you yourself are unhappy about something, please contact us and we will work together to find a solution. Most importantly, please remind your children that because of their attitude, their work ethic and their approach they now attend a **Good school** which they should be proud of and that is, in turn. proud of them.

Together we will go from '**good to great**'. I hope like me you are also excited by the next part of our journey.

Yours sincerely

Mr Farquhar

Principal