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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Report

I am delighted to inform you that our recent Ofsted report is now available on the website and via this link: [Find an Ofsted inspection report](#). The report will also be published on the Ofsted website within eight working days. I am equally delighted to inform you that The Grange Academy is a 'Good' school. Following a two-day inspection on 4th and 5th May we achieved 'Good' judgements in all five areas;

- Quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Early Years Provision
- Leadership and Management

This was the first inspection since the school joined the Wade Deacon Trust, in January 2018; this is the first time in the history of the school that it has been judged as 'Good'.

During the two days, inspectors met with myself, the Senior Leadership Team, middle leaders and a range of teaching and support staff, as well as the students. An inspector spoke with representatives from the trust, governing body and colleagues from the local authority. Both parents/carers and students were offered a survey to complete too.

The report states that "Pupils are proud to be part of this respectful community. They told inspectors that the school community is 'accepting of anyone' and that they can be themselves without fear of prejudice. The trusting relationships that pupils, including children in the early years, have with staff helps them to feel happy and safe in school. Pupils are confident that staff will help them if they have any concerns"

The report noted that, "Leaders have designed a suitably broad and ambitious curriculum to ensure that children and pupils, irrespective of the challenges they may face, achieve as well as they should. Leaders' timely and precise identification of children and pupils' needs, coupled with knowledgeable support from staff, ensures that pupils with SEND progress through the curriculum well. This includes children in the early years."

I would encourage you to read the full report as there are many other areas to celebrate as well as areas to improve; we are committed to ensuring they are met.

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THE GRANGE ACADEMY

As you are aware, we have been on an incredible journey since September 2018; we have had to raise standards, improve attendance and behaviour, navigate Covid-19 and ensure our students receive an excellent education. I am exceptionally proud of the staff and students. I would also like to thank you for your support. You, as parents and carers, play a huge part in the education we provide through supporting us and your child(ren). I am extremely grateful for this. We have such a strong community feel at The Grange Academy and I know we will continue on this journey and continue to support this wonderful community.

Yours faithfully

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