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Dear Parent/Guardian

Recent OFSTED Inspection

The College recently underwent a full OFSTED inspection and I am writing to let you know about the outcome.

The inspection was carried out with only two days notice on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th January 2010 by a team of five inspectors led by Mr David Jones, one of Her Majesties Inspectors of Schools. The inspection also took place several months earlier than anticipated based on the College's previous pattern of inspections.

I am pleased to be able to report that the College was judged to be GOOD overall, with OUTSTANDING features. I am particularly pleased to be able to report that the College was judged to be OUTSTANDING for the care, guidance and support that it offers its students.

The College's recent inspection was carried out under Section 5 of the new inspection framework (introduced September 2009), which is generally regarded as having made it more difficult for schools to achieve good and outstanding judgements. Parents may remember that the College was judged to be satisfactory overall when it was last inspected during June 2007 under the old framework. I am therefore very pleased with the improvement and progress made by the College since its earlier inspection just two and a half years ago.

The recent very successful OFSTED inspection follows two years of record breaking examination results for the College and a year of increased numbers of students entering at Year 7. I am delighted that OFSTED now judge the College to be a good school and would like to take this opportunity to thank all concerned with the College, but in particular students and staff, for their hard work during the recent inspection.

The full Inspection Report is now available on the College Website and will shortly be published by OFSTED on their website. If you would like a printed copy of the Inspection Report please contact the College.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Taylor
Principal