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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share the outcome of Budmouth Academy's recent Ofsted inspection and to let you know that our Ofsted Report Card is due to be published online next week. I have attached the full report to this email for you to view.

Firstly, I would again like to thank our students, colleagues, governors and families for the support shown throughout the inspection process. A team of five inspectors spent two days speaking with a range of stakeholders, as well as reviewing a wide range of evidence about the academy.

This inspection was carried out under Ofsted's new inspection framework. Unlike previous inspections, schools are no longer given a single overall judgement such as 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. Instead, inspectors evaluate a number of different areas of school life against a new set of standards.

The report recognises many strengths across the academy and confirms that safeguarding standards are fully met. Inspectors report that Budmouth Academy is improving rapidly. They also state that the leadership of the school has acted decisively and effectively in a short period of time, and that the changes leaders have made to both the curriculum and teaching are having a significant positive impact on students' learning.

Inspectors judged Attendance and Behaviour, Curriculum and Teaching, Leadership and Governance, Personal Development and Wellbeing, and Post-16 Provision to be meeting the new Expected Standard. They recognised that students feel like they belong at school and that there are positive relationships between staff and students. Inspectors also reported that students are courteous and respectful to each other and to staff.

Although the report rightly identifies two areas requiring further improvement – Achievement and Inclusion – I was pleased that inspectors recognised the significant work already undertaken and the positive impact seen in these areas. Importantly they acknowledged that leaders have identified the right priorities and have already begun implementing the necessary improvements. The areas highlighted in the report align closely with our own self-evaluation and existing Academy Improvement Plan, giving us confidence that our focus is on the right areas.

I continue to be incredibly proud to be Principal of Budmouth Academy. Every day I see students who are kind, respectful and ambitious, colleagues who are committed to making a difference, and a community that cares deeply about the success of its young people.

As always, we value the support and partnership of our families. We will continue to engage with parents and carers through our Parent Partnership Forum and other opportunities throughout the year as we drive forward the next stage of the academy's development.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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