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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to thank you for your fantastic support over the last two days during our inspection. The Ofsted team were clear to state that from parents, students and staff the positive feedback was overwhelming both in scale and tone. They were particularly keen to ensure we knew that all stakeholders recognised and valued the consistently high academic standards but also the exceptional pastoral care that characterised the school.

I would also note my appreciation for all staff and students who did their college and themselves proud over the two days. To be fair, they were their normal focused, talented selves but I am delighted that everyone was able to approach the inspection calmly, with confidence and allow their best to be seen and appreciated. Thank you for your support to enable that to happen.

Due to the nature of the inspection, the report that is being written must be moderated and quality assured for its evidence base, therefore I cannot share with you the overall conclusions drawn. Equally, the overall grading will not change at this time but I can tell you we are very pleased with the assessment of the quality and characteristics of the school, which we believe to be fair and accurate. I look forward to sharing the details with you hopefully in a few weeks.

In other news, clearly the world is reacting at a fast and changing pace to the announcement yesterday that the World Health Organisation has confirmed Coronavirus as a pandemic. In College, we continue to follow all guidance provided and are actively taking precautionary measures as much as possible. Senior Leaders have already been contingency planning and will need to respond to the details that are released after any government announcement. Please allow us to gather information and respond before contacting the College with questions.

Thank you as always, for your fantastic support. I am today, as ever, proud and grateful to be able to work in the community that I do and look forward to celebrating that with you in due course.

Best wishes

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Headteacher

