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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our most recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 3 and 4 June 2025. As you may remember, last year King's Oak Academy received an ungraded inspection. While this visit acknowledged many of our strengths, it also highlighted some areas for development. Since then, we have continued to work exceptionally hard and this latest full graded inspection reflects and confirms what many of you see every day – a deep commitment to ensuring success, both academically and personally for every child in our school.

I am proud to let you know that King's Oak Academy has been judged:

- **Outstanding** in leadership and management
- **Outstanding** in personal development
- **Good** in quality of education
- **Good** in behaviour and attitudes
- **Good** in early years provision

We are especially proud to be recognised for **Outstanding leadership and management** – a powerful endorsement of the hard work, expertise and vision that drives our community school forward. Inspectors commented on the “*rapid and significant improvements*” made at King's Oak and highlighted that “*staff have the knowledge, confidence and time to perform their roles to a high standard.*” They found that staff are “*highly motivated to continue to improve and feel valued by the school*” – and this culture of shared ambition runs throughout every phase of our academy.

The inspectors also praised the respectful and inclusive environment we have built together. They noted that “*pupils at King's Oak are confident and respectful of one another,*” and that disruption to learning is rare because “*pupils who need extra support to manage their behaviour get it.*”

Our personal development offer was also judged **Outstanding**. Inspectors commented that children benefit from a rich and well-sequenced curriculum for personal, social and health education. They also said that our children are “*respectful and tolerant of people whose backgrounds differ from their own,*” and are equipped with the skills and confidence to navigate the wider world. Ofsted described our careers programme as “*invaluable,*” with “*high quality information from an early age,*” including strong support for students with SEND or those who are disadvantaged.



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While the report rightly recognises the strong and inclusive culture at King's Oak, it also points to the work we continue to do to improve attendance and raise achievement at the end of Key Stage 4. These remain priorities for us as we move forward, and we are confident that our strategies are having the right impact over time.

This inspection marks a significant milestone in our journey as a school. It reflects the collective effort of our staff, students, families and the support of our Trust. I want to thank each of you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. Together, we are building a truly exceptional school for our community.

If you would like to read the full report, it is now available on the school website.

Lastly, I hope that your child has an enjoyable end to the summer term with us. We are looking forwards to celebrating their learning and achievements through a variety of different events in the next couple of weeks, starting with Sports Awards Evening on Monday 14 July!

Kind regards



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