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Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to you today to update you on the recent visit to King's Oak Academy by Ofsted representatives. As a 'Good' school, King's Oak was subject to an ungraded inspection, which means we will not receive any update to our grade – King's Oak therefore remains 'Good'.

The inspection team offered many positives in their assessment of our school, as well as a glowing assessment of the children and their behaviour, and I am keen to share some of their feedback with you.

On **students**, Ofsted said:

*"Pupils at King's Oak Academy are confident and respectful of one another. They have many opportunities to participate in the wider life of the school and have their voices heard. Pupils of all ages take on positions of responsibility and represent their school with pride."*

On **staff**, Ofsted said:

*"Staff regularly listen to the views of pupils and make improvements to the school as a result. Pupils in all three phases of the school have warm and trusting relationships with staff. Pupils have faith, on the rare occasions that bullying occurs, that it will be dealt with by staff. The school is highly inclusive, and pupils feel safe and happy."*

On **behaviour**, Ofsted said:

*"Pupils' conduct in lessons and around the school site is good. Low-level disruption is very rare, and pupils understand the behaviour policy. The respect between staff and pupils is visible in all phases of the school."*

And on **teaching and learning**, they said:

*"Pupils in the lower school, which includes the early years, get off to a strong start. They learn well, from a carefully planned curriculum that encourages pupils to be curious. Pupils in the early years learn to read quickly. The school's approach to the teaching of early reading is rigorous. Children who are struggling to keep up receive extra help that is precisely matched to their needs."*

In addition, Ofsted's report described our safeguarding procedures as 'effective', acknowledged the SEND training given to staff and the impact on provision, and highlighted our 'strong focus' on children's character development.

This recognition is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our students, staff, and wider school community. It reinforces our commitment to providing a high-quality education and nurturing environment for every child at King's Oak.

Given that the inspection took place in the first week of March, you may have expected Ofsted to have published the report earlier than now. However, once the initial draft report is shared Ofsted does have the facility for schools to challenge and appeal aspects of the inspection process. We duly engaged in this process and one of the consequences has been that the publication of the final report has been slightly delayed. Whilst we recognise and are pleased with the positive descriptions of school life at King's Oak in the final report, we also note and welcome that the next inspection will be a full graded inspection. We are confident that a full inspection will allow us to demonstrate even more of the strengths of our school against the whole inspection framework.

If you would like to read the report in full, a copy is available on the school website.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the rest of the half term break and thank you and your children for your continued support for King's Oak Academy. We look forward to welcoming your child back into the academy on Monday 3 June for their final term of the 2023-24 academic year.

Yours sincerely



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