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Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted Inspection Outcome

As you may be aware, Ofsted visited Heath Lane Academy last month to carry out a routine, ungraded inspection. We are pleased to inform you that the inspectors confirmed that the school has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection, during which the school was judged 'Good'. Importantly, their report notes that there has been much positive change at Heath Lane recently, with improvements accelerated for the benefit of students and staff alike.

In the inspectors' report, students are said to be "*happy and feel safe*" in school and describe the academy as "*welcoming and inclusive*". Students have a "*strong sense of belonging in the school*" which is testament to the excellent work of staff in cultivating a warm, friendly and purposeful learning environment. It is particularly pleasing that the inspectors praise the high expectations that staff have for their students, both in their learning and more widely, with students benefiting from an "*ambitious*" curriculum following recent and significant changes.

Beyond the classroom, students are said to benefit from access to a "*wide range of personal development opportunities*" including sports and art clubs, as well as chances to engage in leadership roles and activities that support the local community. The inspectors comment that these opportunities, alongside the school's superb careers education, "*help pupils aspire towards ambitious futures*".

Whilst the inspectors identified a few areas of improvement which the school is actively addressing, the report is overwhelmingly positive about Heath Lane and the transformation it is undergoing. We are confident that, buoyed by this outcome and with your continued support, the school will continue to go from strength to strength.

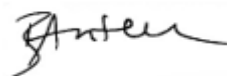
Thank you for your ongoing support of the school and of your child's learning.

May we wish your child a successful remainder of this half term.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive



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