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Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Inspection

We wanted to write to you all to share the very positive feedback from Sheffield Springs Academy's latest Ofsted report.

Inspectors have, for the first time in the school's history, either as an academy or in its predecessor form, judged Springs to be a Good school and praised the 'transformational change' that has been achieved in recent years. This is a credit not only to the tireless efforts of staff, led by Headteacher Mark Shipman and his team, but the continued support and determination of the whole school community.

It is clear to anyone that visits the academy that leaders have successfully established a culture of high aspirations. This permeates the academy – students are well behaved, keen to learn and proud of their academy and they are rising to meet the challenge that their teachers set. In combination with the new, broader curriculum and consistently high quality teaching, this ethos is ensuring students are all making much stronger progress from their individual starting points.

Alongside their academic learning, it is gratifying that the report highlights the academy's dedication to delivering an Education with Character. Staff have worked hard to provide a rich and exciting range of enrichment opportunities to support students' overall personal development and, as the Inspectors acknowledge, this is preparing them well for the next stages of their lives and education.

We know this outcome has not been achieved overnight and we would like to thank you all for your patience, support and engagement over the years as leaders have delivered the progress needed at Springs. What is clear from this report, however, is that the academy has successfully turned a corner and is firmly established as a strong, ambitious school in which students are thriving.

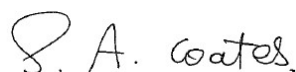
We look forward to continuing to support staff as they build on this report and take the academy from strength to strength.

May we wish you a very happy, successful remainder of the term.

With best wishes



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