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Dear Families

Inspection outcome: Stowmarket High School

As you know, an inspection took place last month and we are now delighted to share with you that Stowmarket High School has now been found **Good** in all areas and **Outstanding** for Leadership and Management!

This is a significant achievement and milestone for the school and everyone who is part of the community. It is something I hope you will feel proud of. To put this in context, the school has not been judged to be Good by Ofsted since 2006, nearly twenty years.

There has been a huge amount of change in the last two and a half years, since the last inspection, including changes in leadership at both the trust and the school, and the introduction of a school improvement board. My thanks go to you, as students and parents, for backing the school in its efforts to improve and to become much stronger, especially against this backdrop of change. The support we saw in the wonderful results on Ofsted Parent View and the positivity students shared with inspectors was wonderful.

We have much pleasure in sharing a copy of the report with you today; this will subsequently be published on Ofsted's website within five days of this letter. There are many highlights in the report that showcase the commitment and talents of our student and staff community:

- 'Pupils are happy at Stowmarket High School'
- 'The school has made rapid improvements'
- 'Pupils are courteous to visitors and staff. This behaviour ensures that there is a pleasant atmosphere around the school'
- Teachers 'explain new learning clearly, work with pupils to make sure they understand, and give opportunities for pupils to show what they have learned'

I hope that this report gives you further confidence in your school. Please know that we will continue to work to make it as strong as possible. The future is bright with further expansion to come and the school very popular with families.

There are many people to thank and too many to name here. I would like to thank Susan Byles (Chair) and her colleagues on our improvement board. I need to single out Lucie Hernandez, who has made such a wonderful impact since joining us as Headteacher. Lucie has a real gift for bringing people together and building a belief in what is possible. She has developed a very strong culture at the school, that has brought out the best of the wonderful people within the Stowmarket High community. She, and her team, also work incredibly hard and that is at the heart of this improvement and achievement.

Thank you again for your support for Stowmarket High School.

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