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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very proud to now be able to share our Ofsted report with you from the two-day inspection on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. George Spencer Academy was previously inspected in 2015, under a different framework. The new framework, which came into effect in 2019, is more challenging and exacting than the one in 2015, and you will have seen much in the national media about this. Schools and academies are now required to demonstrate exceptionalism at all times and across all parts of the school without exception to secure an overall 'outstanding' grade. We were eventually judged to be 'good' overall with an outstanding judgement for Sixth Form provision.

Our students and staff did themselves proud over those two days and gave the inspection team a real flavour of life here at George Spencer Academy. The report highlights the child-centred approach we all strive for here as part of our ethos and culture. *'Leaders put pupils at the heart of all their decisions to give them every chance to achieve their full potential.'* We are delighted that it also captured the strong relationships and sense of security everyone feels at George Spencer: *'Staff know pupils well. Pupils know there is someone to talk to if they feel they have a problem. Pupils say they feel safe and are happy at this school.'*

The academic rigour of our offer across all year groups, with a focus on each individual child was also noted. *'The curriculum is ambitious at George Spencer Academy. The academic curriculum is broad.'* *'Leaders have ensured that the curriculum also develops each pupil as an individual'*. Our curriculum approach enables all of our pupils to have the chance to be both successful and happy.

Finally, we are thrilled that Sixth Form has been deemed to be outstanding: *'Students in the sixth form benefit from an exceptional quality of education. They gain detailed knowledge and high-level skills across the curriculum'*.

We know that neither 'good' nor 'outstanding' judgements for any area mean perfect – and we want to reassure you that we will continue to strive for excellence in everything that we do here at George Spencer.

The complete Ofsted report from the inspection can be found on our website following this link - <http://www.george-spencer.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Ofsted-2023.pdf>

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and partnership as we continue to work together to shape your child's future.

Yours sincerely

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Principal