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Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted Inspection Report

We wanted to write to you following the school's recent Ofsted inspection which took place in September.

This was the first time the school has been inspected under Ofsted's new framework. Following their visit, inspectors judged the school to be at the 'Expected Standard' in five of the six key areas they assess with the sixth area, Attendance and Behaviour, requiring additional attention.

The Inspectors' findings are largely in line with our own assessment of the school's current performance although, unfortunately, their report only partially takes into account the marked improvement in GCSE results that students achieved this summer and which reflect the success of initiatives that are in place across the school.

There is a great deal of encouraging and positive feedback throughout the report, particularly in relation to the quality of teaching and learning. As the report notes, students are 'increasingly better prepared for their next stage of education' and we were pleased to see students successfully progress on to their preferred Sixth Form and apprenticeship courses.

Inspectors were impressed by the 'wealth of opportunities' available for students to develop their character, interests and wider skills. The school offers a wide range of extracurricular clubs and activities and it is encouraging to see so many students taking advantage of these opportunities to explore new interests, develop their talents and gain valuable skills.

Of course, students can only properly benefit from what the school offers if they attend. So addressing this, alongside behaviour, remains vital. Attendance at school directly impacts on the future of every child; not just in terms of their academic development but in the wider opportunities they are able to access at the school and which Ofsted rightly praise. It requires a

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collective effort from all of us – staff, parents and students – to ensure that every child comes to school each day.

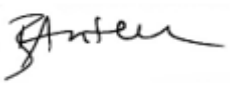
Supporting attendance is a responsibility that we all share and the school is keen to work with families for whom this is particularly challenging. Please do speak to the school if this is something that we can support you with. What is clear from the inspectors' report is that The Cornerstone Academy is offering a strong and worthwhile education – every student should benefit from this.

Overall, the report demonstrates that the school is well placed for the future. We look forward to continuing to support colleagues and families across the school so that all students are given every opportunity to thrive.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of The Cornerstone Academy and the important role you play in your child's education.

Yours sincerely





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