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Dear Parent/Carer,

Many thanks for your support during our recent Ofsted Inspection. The report has now been published and can be found at https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/ or on our website:

Section 5 May 2023 Ofsted Report

I was immensely proud of how the students conducted themselves during the inspection. The Inspectors have commented on many of the strengths of the school and the quality of care and learning environment that we provide for our children.

I encourage you to read the report, which highlights many strengths of the school. The opening paragraph reads as:

"Beginning in the Nursery, leaders and staff nurture relationships with children, their families and the community. As a large, all-through campus, pupils move well between the sites. Older pupils understand how to model their behaviours for younger pupils. Relationships between staff and pupils are positive. Pupils learn about unkindness and bullying. They are confident that when it happens, leaders respond and manage it well. As a result, pupils are and feel safe."

In addition,

- ✓ The Early Years Foundation Stage (nursery and reception) which helps our children to have an all-important great start to their journey at BCA.
- ✓ Our culture of reading, throughout the school, which we know unlocks the whole curriculum.
- ✓ The ambition in our curriculum for all children.
- ✓ The opportunities for enrichment, trips and visits across phases, especially in the primary phase.
- ✓ The Polden Centre provision including the way students at secondary are supporting by all staff, including when they are in mainstream lessons.
- ✓ How well we support students with additional needs, making sure they access the same curriculum as their peers and are helped to do this where needed.
- ✓ How well we know our students and families and our all-important relationships with you.
- ✓ That staff at BCA work as a team and how we all have high expectations of ourselves and the children.
- ✓ Careers guidance is well planned and students are well supported to plan for the next stages of their education.
- ✓ Teachers feel well supported and leaders are considerate of their well-being.
- ✓ Safeguarding is effective and students are confident that they have someone to talk to if they have a concern.

There are, of course, things for us to work on, and I can reassure you that these areas have been a key focus for us as a leadership team and will remain so next year.

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Primarily, as you will see in the report, the focus for us is making sure that lessons are of the highest possible quality in every classroom, every day.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the school. We value your feedback, and you can contact us via office@bridgwatercollegeacademy.org.

Yours faithfully

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