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Dear Parents and Carers

It is with great pleasure that I am able to share with you the full report from The Ruth Gorse Academy's Ofsted Inspection which took place on 12 and 13 July 2017. This will become available on Ofsted's website over the next 5 days but I was keen that you would be amongst the first to receive a personal copy, as soon as it has been released for distribution.

You will see from the headline information that the academy was graded as 'Outstanding' in each of the four key categories: Effectiveness of Leadership and Management; Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment; Personal Development Behaviour and Welfare; Outcomes for Pupils - resulting in an **Overall Effectiveness Grading** of '**Outstanding**'.

For me, of paramount importance in the report is the clear recognition of the fact that young people are at the heart of everything the academy strives to achieve and alongside this the remarkable impact that professionals within the academy have on their learning and educational journey. As you read the report it really does encapsulate what the academy is like on a daily basis and how young people thrive within this environment.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers, as a cornerstone of our academy community, for your support of the academy and for trusting us as professionals with the privileged position of educating your sons and daughters. Your involvement both prior to inspection and during the inspection has been critical in shaping the direction of the academy and it was humbling to hear the overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents and carers about the academy from the inspection team.

Whilst both professionals and parents and carers are integral to the academy, the real praise needs to go to the students who attend our school. At so many points during the report it references their remarkable achievements; the inspectors were immensely impressed by the quality of their work, their academic ability and their generosity of spirit as young adults. It really is a privilege to work alongside such a phenomenal group of students each day.

I hope you are able to find a quiet five minutes to read the report and enjoy the recognition of this remarkable achievement in only the third year of the academy's existence. If you would like to ask any questions about the report please do contact the academy and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be happy to discuss this with you.

Yours faithfully

Rebekah Taylor  
Principal at the time of inspection