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Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted monitoring visit inspection report

I am thrilled to share with you the feedback of our latest Ofsted monitoring inspection which took place on 13th July 2021. The Section 8 monitoring visit was conducted to determine the progress that has been made since our last full inspection in February 2020.

The report confirms that changes made are having a positive impact across the school. Inspectors commended us for our developments in curriculum, behaviour for learning and the teaching of students with Special Educational Needs.

Please find the full inspection report attached and some highlights below.

- Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action in order for the school to become a good school.
- Leadership at all levels is improving and leaders and governors are determined to make sustainable improvements to provide students with the best quality education and care.
- Students benefit from improvements that have been made to the curriculum. They understood the new knowledge taught in lessons and they could articulate what they were learning and why.
- Provisions for students with SEND is improving and leaders, including the new SENCO, have developed new and effective strategies to support students with their learning.
- Students conduct themselves well in lessons and around the school site. Instances of low-level behavioural disruption have decreased.
- Students feel safe in school and bullying is rare; if it did occur, they would trust staff to resolve it. Students feel that the school 'is really inclusive and welcoming'.
- Safeguarding processes are thorough. Staff are vigilant about spotting and following up on concerns.
- PSHE education has increased in profile and helps students to understand about their rights, responsibilities and relationships and supports their mental and physical wellbeing.
- The Trust provides effective support and challenge to enable school improvement.

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It is great to have Ofsted's recognition of the improvements that have been made by LVC staff with the support of the school community. Given the volume of educational disruption we have also managed during this time, it is particularly worthy of celebration.

I continue to work with the whole staff across the school and with the support of Anglian Learning colleagues to press ahead with our school improvement priorities. Ofsted has identified two key areas for us to focus on:

- embed the new curriculum plans and recent improvements to special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) practice to provide a consistently strong quality of education for all students across all year groups
- strengthen communication with parents so that they fully understand leaders' plans for improving the school.

I appreciate the feedback provided by parents and carers during the inspection through Parent View. Developing our communication practices is a priority for the coming year. I would like to invite you to attend a **Parent Forum at 7pm on Monday 18th October to gain more detailed views and experiences from our parent body**. The session will focus on home-school communications and our College improvement plan. I hope that it will be possible for this to take place in person but depending on the numbers attending and Covid-19 context, it may be necessary to hold this online.

I hope you will enjoy marking this successful next step in the College's journey with us. You are a key part of our achievements to date. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "H. Marsh".

Helena Marsh

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