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Dear families

I am delighted to inform you that we have received the news that our Ofsted inspection will be occurring tomorrow (Tuesday 2 July 2024)

Staff and students alike are looking forward to sharing how far we have come together since the inspection in March 2023 where we were judged to be inadequate. I am confident that the inspection team will be able to see just how much has improved since then and your feedback more recently similarly highlights how things have progressed.

We know that though we have massively improved, there is still work to do, but we all have much to be proud of and below I have listed some of the biggest steps forwards we have taken since the last inspection:

- Increased the breadth of the curriculum to include food and nutrition (and next year we will be introduced textiles and graphic design)
- Improvements to parent voice – the parent steering group and parent forums have been launched, the unity community has opened, and we have had numerous community events including the recent summer fayre.
- Improved communication with the introduction of the weekly update.
- Improvements to SEND provision including a new SENDCO, more needs being met in the classroom, CPD for staff and improved parent communication.
- A broader range of clubs and trips including residential trips and a planned trip abroad.
- Improved recognition events including more trips and visits including a planned trip to the theme part.
- Investment in reading through our Y7 phonics programme.
- Parent and student feedback on uniform and the school day which has led to changed.
- Significantly improved behaviour across the Academy as recognised by students and families.
- A re-launched personal development and careers programme with significant interaction with local businesses.

I want to reiterate again that I recognise we are still improving, and we have work to do to be the school that you and your child deserve but we have come so far, and I look forward to inspectors seeing that work.

You have an important role to play as an integral part of the Unity community over the next couple of days; please ensure your child arrives on time, in full uniform and ready to focus and learn. If you would like to share your thoughts with the inspectors, please use the link in the next letter you will receive; this is an opportunity for DUA to shine and I ask for your support with this.

Finally, thank you – thank you for your support, without which, we would not have been able to achieve what we have and thank you in advance for supporting the school through the course of the next two days. I look forward to sharing the outcome of the inspection as soon as I can.

Kind regards



Mr A Jacobs
Principal

