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Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on the 17th and 18th of April this year. The inspectors confirmed that Pudsey Grammar School continues to be a good school, with many strengths and areas of excellence such as our status as a National Behaviour Hub Lead School.

This is a fantastic achievement as it is the first time in the school’s history that we have achieved two successive Ofsted good ratings and it testament to the consistently high quality of education which the school provides for all of our students.

As we are already a good school, this was not a full inspection. This is unfortunate as we firmly believe that we have some aspects that are outstanding such as the work we do relating to personal development and we would have liked to have had the chance to demonstrate this in a full inspection. However, the current inspection framework means that you cannot have individual aspects judged any higher than good in the type of inspection we had. It is one of the many anomalies for the current Ofsted system.

I want to take this opportunity to highlight some key quotes from the report:

* The school is welcoming and pupils respect the differences in other people
* Safeguarding is very well led and pupils feel safe
* Pupils get on very well with each other
* Teachers have strong subject knowledge
* Pupils behave well in lessons and the vast majority focus on their work
* The school has developed an ambitious curriculum for pupils
* Staff have high expectations of all pupils. The vast majority of pupils rise to these expectations and work hard
* Pupils benefit from the curriculum and are well prepared for their next steps
* The House system plays a central role in the school and provides a sense of belonging. Pupils who earn House ties for their dedication to House competitions wear them with pride
* If bullying happens, pupils are confident that staff will deal with it quickly

 I would like to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership with the school. The inspectors recognised the positive relationships between staff, students, and parents, and praised the school's culture of high expectations and care for our students.

The report also identified two areas for further improvement, which we were already working on as part of our school improvement plan. These are ensuring that all subjects deliver high levels of achievement consistently and to develop more personalised subject level support for SEND students.

We are very proud of our school and our students, and we are determined to build on our high standards and aspirations. We are confident that, with your continued support, we can achieve our vision of becoming a centre of excellence that provides an exceptional education for all.

You can read the full Ofsted report by clicking on the link below

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50247879>

Yours sincerely,

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