

CHT/KCR

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that the final Ofsted inspection report from our two-day section 8 inspection on 4 and 5 October 2023 accompanies this covering letter. The report will also be accessible via the school website today and published on the official Ofsted report website, 7 working days from today's date.

The purpose of a section 8 inspection is to gauge whether a school continues to be 'good' as indicated in our previous report in May 2018 or to ascertain whether there is evidence to suggest a school is either improving further or not, compared to its original grading. It is also worth noting that **only 3%** of schools are awarded an Improving letter where the school could be judged as Outstanding in every area.

**It gives me great pleasure to share that His Majesty's Inspector and team believed there is enough evidence to suggest that Horizon Community College could be judged as Outstanding in every area, if a graded (section 5) inspection were to be carried out now. Horizon Community College were awarded an Improving letter. Therefore, the school's next inspection will be a graded inspection.**

**I am further delighted that the inspection team could not outline any areas that the school needs to do better, to further improve.**

I am personally thrilled that the hard work undertaken by the staff at Horizon Community College has been recognised and that the school is the cornerstone of the local area, where staff know pupils well and ensure tailored pastoral support, to help its pupils succeed. Pupils benefit from leaders' relentless commitment to maintaining the high expectations that underpin the work of the college and the high-quality curriculum that is broad and ambitious, resulting in pupils making strong progress and preparing them for the wider world. Horizon Community College is a school where pupils thrive, are happy and safe, with committed staff working tirelessly for the education of its pupils.

The report itself is detailed and highlights the thoroughly outstanding practice seen in Horizon Community College. Please take the time to read the inspection report in full, as it evidences a school that continuously strives to improve and excel. I would like to thank the parents/carers who have supported the school during this time. May I thank all those involved in the inspection itself, especially the staff, the Trust (HCAT), governors, and the students who were confident and articulate during the inspection process, and all who continue to make a positive contribution to school life to ensure our pupils are 'School ready, Work ready, Life ready'.

Yours sincerely,



Principal