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Dear Parents and Carers

On 18th and 19th December 2018, Ofsted visited Gloucester Academy to undertake a special measures monitoring inspection. Following this inspection, the monitoring report is now available on the school website.

Gloucester Academy staff, our senior leadership team, and Julian Morgan, our Regional Director for The White Horse Federation, have reviewed the findings of this report and incorporated its key areas for improvement into our school improvement plans.

I am pleased to say the report contains a number of positive comments that reflect the sustained work being done to affect real change within Gloucester Academy. Our commitment to improvement is highlighted in the report, which said:

- “Leaders and managers are taking effective action towards the removal of special measures.”
- “The trust’s statement of action is fit for purpose.”
- “The school’s improvement plan is fit for purpose.”
- “The school’s arrangements for safeguarding have improved and are now effective.”
- “Staff have confidence in the interim principal and the leadership team because together they are setting a clear direction for the school.”
- “Senior leaders’ work to improve the communication between teachers has caused better sharing of information about pupils’ needs.”
- “Parents are kept well informed about the actions the senior leaders are taking to improve the school.”
- “The school’s senior leaders are outward looking and committed to working closely with the local education community.”

Some of the changes reviewed in the December inspection were implemented as recently as September. As such, the report notes that the impact of some changes cannot yet be measured. However, the report concludes that the capacity of school leadership to make the necessary improvements has significantly increased.

This is something we will continue to build on as we make further improvements to Gloucester Academy for the benefit of our pupils and community. We look forward to sharing more about our improvement strategies for the academy in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Andy Vinton
Interim Principal

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