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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Inspection Outcome

As you may be aware, TCA was visited by Ofsted at the end of October. The report has been published and will be uploaded onto Ofsted's website within the next few days. I have ensured the report will be available to view on our website by the end of today.

I am delighted to share with you that "Her Majesty's Chief Inspector is of the opinion that the school no longer requires significant improvement. "

The headlines are:

Inspection dates	October 2017	March 2016
Overall Effectiveness	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
Effectiveness of leadership and management	Good	Requires Improvement
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Requires Improvement	Requires Improvement
Outcomes for pupils	Requires Improvement	Inadequate
16-19 study programmes	Good	Requires Improvement
Overall Effectiveness at previous inspection	Inadequate	

I would encourage you to read the report which is a fair reflection of where the school is right now. We all know that there is still work to do and we are determined to ensure the school continues to improve. However, there are many pleasing quotes which reflect the journey so far. I detail below a selection:

- This is a rapidly improving school.
- Leaders and the principal share a clear vision for the academic and pastoral well-being of all pupils.
- The personal development of pupils is good, as are the care and support provided by staff.
- Over the last year, the new principal and other senior leaders have used their experience of successful school improvement in other schools to provide a sharp focus on improving this school. Leaders spoke of the principal's 'clear-eyed prioritisation'. She is frank about the challenges of the school and does not make or accept excuses for poor performance.
- Leaders have a highly accurate picture of the school's strengths and areas for further development.
- Safeguarding lies at the heart of the school.
- Pupils are very well cared for and cared about.

- Pupils in Year 11 and students in the sixth form are very complimentary about the quality of teaching.
- Where learning is most successful, teachers provide pupils with suitable challenge and interesting tasks. Pupils respond positively, forming productive relationships with teachers and other pupils.
- The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good.
- Pupils are smart and wear their uniforms with pride.
- Most pupils are proud of their school.
- Work experience demonstrates confidence by leaders that pupils are good ambassadors for the school.
- Pupils are extremely positive about the care offered by the school and in particular 'student Services'.
- Overall, the school is an orderly environment. Many pupils are polite and helpful to visitors.
- There is a clear trend of improvement and attainment.
- The sixth form is very well led. Leaders have high expectations.
- Leadership has a relentless focus on improving the quality of teaching and monitoring the progress of students to ensure that there is appropriate support for those who need it and challenge for the most able.
- Students make good progress from their starting points because the school offers appropriate and challenging study programmes.

I would like to end by thanking you for your support for our school and assure you that whilst we are pleased with the progress so far, we are now focussing our efforts on ensuring TCA becomes a good school in all respects.

Yours faithfully

Anne Hill

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Principal