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Dear Families,

Following our full Ofsted Inspection on 4-5 October 2022, I am delighted to inform you that King's Academy Prospect has been judged to be a **GOOD** school overall, and **GOOD** in all categories, except Leadership and Management, where we were judged to be **OUTSTANDING**.

This report validates the rapid school improvement which we know has happened at King's Academy Prospect and is a testament to the hard work of staff, students and your support as families, both at school and at a wider Trust level, as part of King's Group Academies. A copy of the full report is attached with this letter and can also be viewed on our website. It will be published on the Ofsted website <https://www.gov.uk/find-ofsted-inspection-report> within eight working days.

A full Ofsted Inspection is an extremely rigorous process and looks at core areas of the school. The report itself is brief, so I would like to expand upon the feedback from the team of inspectors and also explore the areas that have been identified for further development. We were extremely pleased to be told that not only have we been rated as GOOD, but also well on the way to OUTSTANDING overall.

Quality of Education: GOOD

This is a core focus of the inspection and also a 'limiting judgement', which means that unless this area is rated GOOD, the school overall cannot be rated GOOD. Ofsted were impressed with the ambition of our broad and balanced curriculum, in which all students have access to a wide range of subjects which prepare them well for adult life; "The curriculum is ambitious and designed to include all pupils". They saw our retrieval practice, which occurs in every lesson, as a significant strength, which ensures that students are embedding learned knowledge and are able to use this knowledge to make further progress.

Behaviour and Attitudes: GOOD

The Inspectors noted that low level disruption had all but been eliminated in lessons, through the introduction of the "clear, strong systems in place" and noted how smartly and proudly our students wear their uniforms. They spoke to a significant number of our students, describing them as "aspirational and rightly optimistic about their futures" and "respectful and responsible", noting the significant improvement in behaviour right across the school. They also saw that attendance has improved, despite the disruption of Covid, and that it remains well above national average figures.

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Personal Development: GOOD

Ofsted told us that this aspect of the school was “strong throughout the school” and that students are well-prepared for modern life through an extremely strong programme of Careers and personal development education. They also noted the opportunities that our students have for leadership and participation in the wider school community, citing our Peer Mental Health Ambassadors as a particular example of good practice.

Sixth Form: GOOD

We know that our Sixth Form is strong and growing and this was confirmed in the report, with our “sixth-form students play(ing) an important part in school life, acting as mentors and role models for younger pupils”. They noted that our sixth form students leave us very well prepared for the future and that our destination data is strong, with the vast majority of students headed to university after the Sixth Form.

Leadership and Management: OUTSTANDING

They firstly noted that safeguarding is effective - this is a binary judgement, and without it, the school would not pass the inspection, seeing that “any issues are identified quickly and accurately”, and that “pupils are knowledgeable about how to keep themselves safe, including online and in the community, because they are taught about this”.

They also saw that “Leaders’ highly effective work means this is a good and strongly improving school” - referring to leadership at all levels, from the Trust, to the local Governing Board, to the Headteacher and senior leadership team, to the middle leaders has brought about substantive and sustained improvements across the school in all areas.

They are correct that this has very much been a team effort and in that I include our students, their families and our local communities who have continued to support us and championed and been part of our rapid improvement journey.

Therefore, on the basis on the judgements for these separate areas, King’s Academy Prospect has been judged to be **GOOD** overall.

Ofsted did, of course, note some areas for improvement, which we are already addressing.

- A very small minority of students told them that other students sometimes use unpleasant and discriminatory language. Although we know that this is sadly a reflection of wider society, they also told Ofsted that “such behaviour is not tolerated by either staff or pupils” and that “these incidents are infrequent and leaders deal with them swiftly”. Nevertheless, we will continue to be extremely vigilant to such behaviour and those students who chose to use such language can be certain that there will be no hesitation to use the most serious of sanctions.
- They noted that although “students with SEND learn well overall” this is not always consistent by every teacher in every subject. We have a very strong SEND team and we will ensure that through additional training and support, every student will get the right provision that they need.

- Ofsted recognised significant strength in the intent and implementation of our curriculum. We agreed with them that we have further work to do to develop how we assess student's knowledge and understanding, to enable them to make even more rapid progress.

We are absolutely confident that these areas will be addressed immediately and along with the Trust and leadership team, we will be drawing up a post-Ofsted Action plan to ensure that the rapid improvements that we have seen in the last few years continue apace, as we focus on becoming outstanding in all areas which I am absolutely confident about.

I am absolutely delighted for all members of our school community that Ofsted have recognised that King's Academy Prospect is a **GOOD** school and I am certain that this validation will ensure that we are able to continue to improve and develop even more and even faster.

I am very grateful to everyone who has supported the school in recent years; we know at times that it has been extremely challenging but this has been a team effort involving all of our school community and I know that we will continue to go from strength to strength #KAPteam.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Littlemore', written in a cursive style.

Mr D Littlemore
Very Proud Headteacher