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Dear families

I hope you are well. I am writing to you today to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection which took place on 15 and 16 October.

We have always been clear that providing the best education possible is what drives us, not Ofsted judgements. However, we are delighted to share that Ofsted found we continue to maintain the 'Outstanding' standards identified in our previous inspection.

This was an ungraded inspection to determine whether those high standards continue to be met. The full report can be found here: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50262684>.

The report highlighted that we have "taken effective action to maintain high standards" and that our academy is "realising its aspiration to offer pupils an exceptional education".

Inspectors noted our academy has a "rich community" with pupils valuing the "diverse beliefs" within it. Students and staff "love learning". Inspectors highlighted our "high expectations for all pupils" and how we "successfully help pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), to excel in all subjects".

Ofsted highlighted our commitment to providing a "wide range of subjects to study" and that our students "benefit from an impressive range of wider opportunities that develop their talents and interests". The inspector stated that "behaviour is excellent" and that because students understand what is expected, they "successfully get on with their work".

Other highlights from the report include:

- "The school knows the pupils very well."
- "The school has high expectations for all pupils", which they "understand".
- "The school has core values of respect, integrity, and determination. Staff, and pupils including those with SEND live and breathe these values."
- "Pupils who are at the early stages of reading, quickly gain the knowledge and skills they need through support from staff to become confident, fluent readers."
- "The school successfully helps pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), to excel in all subjects."
- "The school offers pupils a wide variety of clubs, trips, and leadership opportunities. The vast majority of pupils, including those with SEND, enjoy these. These experiences develop pupils' confidence."
- "This school offers pupils including those with SEND rich learning experiences both in the classroom and beyond."
- "The school is skilled at identifying pupils who need extra support both academically and with pastoral care."
- "Care is taken to ensure pupils with additional needs have every opportunity to access the different experiences on offer."
- "Teachers have exceptionally strong subject knowledge."
- "Leaders and staff have ensured that the school has continued to improve since the last inspection."

Whilst we are very proud of this outcome, we continue to be ambitious for our students, which is why we are always focused on how we can continue to improve and deliver the very best support and education for your child. Alongside Dixons Academies Trust, we will continue to work hard to ensure the education we provide delivers the best outcomes to set our students up for successful futures.

Finally, I want to thank you for your continued support. Our Dixons City community is vital to our success, and we greatly value your important role here at Dixons City Academy. Your support has been essential to this achievement, so thank you.

If you have any questions about this report, please do not hesitate to contact rmohammed@dixonsca.com.

Yours faithfully



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