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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Ofsted Monitoring Visit - 14 & 15 October 2009**

Earlier this term Ofsted Inspectors visited the Academy to assess the progress we have made in our first year.

The report identifies that there is a strong management team with an **“emphatic focus on raising standards”** and that we have demonstrated how our work over the past 12 months is starting to produce positive results. We know that there is still much work to do to improve the academic attainment levels across all year groups and this will continue to be our key focus. Inspectors acknowledge that we inherited a legacy of under achievement and it remains our priority to ensure that every student of The Oxford Academy reaches their full potential.

The report highlights many key features, mainly that the rate of progress is improving and more students are on course to reach their targets. Here are some additional points to note:

- the quality of teaching is improving and much is rated as ‘good’
- behaviour has improved significantly and the reduced number of exclusions underlines this
- systems introduced to improve attitudes to work are beginning to have an impact – seen strongly in the improved attitudes to learning of the younger students
- care, guidance and support for students is an increasing strength of the Academy
- students feel safe and well cared for
- parental involvement has increased significantly and the Academy has recently been awarded a national gold standard in recognition of this work

This report recognises that we have established a clear direction for the Academy and that we have made progress towards raising standards. However, we know there is a great deal more to do and we will continue to forge ahead with our aim to provide the best possible education for the young people of the communities we serve. We look forward to working with you and thank you for your continued support.

A full copy of the Ofsted monitoring visit report is available on our website or on request from Mandy Roberts in the main office.

Yours sincerely



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