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Dear Parent/Carers

It is with great delight that I am contacting you to share the judgements of Princes Risborough School's (PRS) recent OFSTED inspection on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022. The overall effectiveness of the school was judged as **Good**. With all five other sections also rated as strongly **Good**. They are the: quality of education, **Good**; behaviour and attitudes, **Good**; personal development, **Good**; leadership and management, **Good**; and the Sixth-form provision, **Good**.

The full report is enclosed but some of the observations were:

- "Pupils are motivated to achieve and to be successful. They are positive about their future aspirations and enjoy school."
- "The school is a calm, orderly place."
- "In lessons, pupils are engaged and concentrate well. They benefit from teachers' high levels of expertise."
- "Pupils appreciate the support they get from staff, which helps them to learn well."
- "Pupils learn to take responsibility for themselves and each other"
- "Leaders, governors and trustees have an ambitious vision. This is having a clear impact in a wide range of ways because they work successfully to make this vision a reality."
- "Pupils achieve strongly overall. They behave well and the school invests in their wider development."
- "The professional knowledge of staff is strong."
- "Teachers have very good subject knowledge."
- "Pupils value equality and diversity. They do not tolerate any discrimination or harassment and rightly trust staff to tackle any such issues very robustly."
- "Pupils have a very wide range of good-quality opportunities for their personal development."
- "One pupil, reflecting the views of many, described the school as, 'a community where everyone is treated as an individual'."

Our evaluation of the school was extremely accurate and they identified the rapid progress we have made as a community and therefore we have only been given two areas for improvement:

1. Attendance, as stated in the final meeting with OFSTED, we have a great curriculum and extra curriculum offer for all students and although it is an improving situation we want all students to access it all the time. We need you help with this.
2. Making every subject as strong as strongest, something we are well on the way with.

The full report is enclosed and will be available on the OFSTED and school website by the end of this week.

As the headteacher of PRS I would like to thank you for your on-going support and trust, especially those of you who took the time to fill out the parent view questionnaire during the inspection, which was incredibly positive. I must also thank the students and staff that have worked tremendously hard over the last few years to enable us to receive such a great report. I am extremely proud and privileged to work with such a strong and passionate team and serve this community.

With such strong academic progress and this OFSTED report we are "Aspiring and Achieving", but it does not stop here, we will not sit still, we will continue to strive for excellence and be Positive, Responsible and even more Successful.

Yours faithfully

Simon Baker  
Headteacher

