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Dear Houlton family

Visit from Ofsted led by His Majesty's Inspector Ian Tustian, February 2024

As you know, we welcomed Ofsted to the academy this week for our first graded inspection since we opened; it has been well publicised that the latest Education Inspection Framework is the most robust iteration to be implemented since the regulator's inception and the inspection process was certainly rigorous and intense. Therefore, we required 'all hands on deck' so please do accept my apologies if we needed to reschedule any planned meetings or interactions with you this week. We will do our best to catch-up and see you as soon as possible.

You may be aware that the Ofsted quality assurance process can take some weeks following the inspection itself to complete; however, please rest assured that we will send you a copy of the final report and its outcomes as soon as we receive it and it will be published on the Ofsted website shortly thereafter. With the approaching Easter holiday period, this may take a little longer than usual.

Once I receive the final inspection report I will write to you again enclosing the full report; meanwhile, thank you humbly for the countless supportive emails, phone calls, friendly visits to reception and fulsome, eloquent comments that were shared with us from Ofsted's *Parent View*. It is at times like this that your loyalty and commitment to our Houlton family and its values are so important: hearing and seeing your very tangible support has been such an energising tonic and was very gratefully received by our whole school community at such a (literally) testing time for us all.

Yours faithfully

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