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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, St John's had an Ofsted inspection on 29-30 January 2019 and we are now pleased to provide you with the final report, which is also available on our website.

The report identifies the many strengths of our learning community and recognises that we are "ambitious" for our students, instilling an "aspirational culture" which enables our young people to flourish.

The inspectors found that teaching within St John's is "committed, energetic and enthusiastic" and students are "typically challenged and stretched in their learning." The curriculum that we offer is broad and balanced, which provides students with "appropriate opportunities to succeed and make good progress" both within and beyond the classroom.

As a fully inclusive school, it is very important to us that all students are well-supported in their emotional well-being and that we continue to work hard to support individuals' personal development and welfare to ensure that they are "nurtured effectively".

In addition, the inspectors complimented the effective work that is taking place in our Sixth Form with good teaching and quality careers guidance. Both elements enable students to follow the right courses and secure places at the most competitive institutions such as Cambridge and Russell Group universities, as well as preparing other students to gain high level apprenticeships in leading organisations.

Whilst we are very proud of what we have achieved at St John's, we continue to strive to secure further improvements at a time when: standards have been raised at national level; new specifications at GCSE and Post-16 are more demanding in terms of content and exam structure; the mental health and well-being of young people is challenged through social pressures and the media; budgets for all schools are steadily reducing.

In order to continue to improve the education, experiences and outcomes for our students we intend to:

- review and revise our curriculum, where necessary, to ensure that students' knowledge, skills and understanding are deepened in all subject areas
- support our staff with high quality professional development so that teaching continues to be effective and consistently good or better
- regularly review our systems and practices so that our learning community maintains its positive and aspirational culture in which students are happy, safe and can flourish

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries regarding this report, once you have read the document.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and, by working in partnership, we will continue to nurture and guide our young people to become confident learners who are inspired to excel both within and beyond St John's.

Yours sincerely

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