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Dear Parent / Carer

Re. Ofsted Monitoring Visit March 2018

On 9 March 2018 we received an unannounced Ofsted Monitoring Visit, which focused on behaviour, student welfare and safeguarding. Inspectors noted that , "The school is taking effective action to improve the effectiveness of pupils' personal development, behaviour and welfare" and that "Safeguarding is effective".

The inspectors recognised that the systems and procedures used at the school "help to keep pupils safe". Students, themselves, have recognised that "behaviour in classrooms has improved" and that "more members of staff are visible on corridors during the change of lessons and that this has created a calmer atmosphere".

Students told inspectors that "bullying is not common" at Wath and, if an instance does occur, the school investigates any issues and responds to complaints in a timely manner, so as to ensure that we resolve situations for the good of pupils in our care.

With regards to our most vulnerable students, "pupils who are at risk receive timely support" from the safeguarding team, and "staff work well with outside agencies to put plans in place to help these pupils". There was a recognition of further improvements that had been made since the previous inspection visit in March 2017. Inspectors recognised that "staff are increasingly tenacious in their approach" and "as a result, any pupils who are potentially at risk are safer". It is recognised that "safeguarding has a high priority at the school".

Rates of attendance have continued to improve and low-level behaviour issues are now less common. The monitoring visit recognised the improvements made in tackling issues cited in the previous inspection report. The governing body is working with senior leaders to ensure this progress continues.

We have recognised that there is still work to do to secure further progress, but the inspectors noted the improvements already under way and that progress is already occurring. In order to secure this further progress, the school is working closely with Mr David Sutton, Chief Executive Officer of Maltby Learning Trust, and this has been "effective in identifying where additional support is needed".

Yours sincerely

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{The full monitoring report from Ofsted is available in the Letters and Students & Parents section of the school website}