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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Inspection

Following a visit from Ofsted in November, we would like to inform you that the inspectors confirmed Stockport Academy continues to be a 'Good' school. This is the school's first routine inspection since the Covid-19 pandemic.

In their report, the inspectors praise the "sense of belonging" that students have in the school and confirmed that safeguarding arrangements are effective. The atmosphere around the academy is said to be "calm and purposeful" and students behave well.

It is particularly pleasing to see that inspectors saw the school's commitment to providing a high-quality education and maintaining a high level of ambition for its students. The inspectors note that "teachers are very knowledgeable about their subjects" and students are attentive to their teachers.

Beyond the classroom, students enjoy "a multitude of opportunities to develop new and existing hobbies", including in sport and the arts. Importantly, the inspectors also comment that students benefit from advice and opportunities to prepare them for their next steps beyond school.

Whilst it is clear the school is working hard to strengthen its educational provision, the inspectors have identified some areas of improvement, in particular to ensure consistency in teaching and learning across the school. These are important issues to address; however, we are confident that the school leadership team, with the support of governors and our central advisors, will be able to continue driving forward the necessary improvements at pace.

Thank you for your continued support of Stockport Academy and all that you do to encourage your child in their learning.

May we wish your child a successful term ahead.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

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Director of Secondary Academies