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Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Inspection 30-31 January 2018 – We are an Outstanding school community!

I am delighted to be able to share today with students, parents, carers and the entire school community that in the recent inspection, inspectors have judged our academy to be outstanding in all categories!

Your sons and daughters were a credit to themselves, to you, and to our academy during the days of the inspection, as indeed they are every day. I have taken time this afternoon in a whole school assembly to share with students the fantastic comments made by inspectors about them. They truly are a brilliant group of young people, who make Bydales such a special, special place to work.

I share some of the many, many positive comments from the report below:

Pupils' behaviour has improved and is now exemplary. They are polite, well mannered and welcoming of visitors and other adults. Pupils are resilient learners. They do not give up when they have an issue or find a task too demanding. Teaching inspires pupils to succeed. Teachers know their pupils well. This contributes to extremely strong relationships within the classroom. Most teachers are masters of their craft. Their high expectations and strong subject knowledge ensures that all pupils are challenged to improve their work. Pupils invariably rise to this challenge. Pupils make outstanding progress in a wide range of subjects. Pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities make similar progress to their classmates. They achieve exceptionally well because teachers provide highly effective support and liaise closely with the teaching assistants.

The journey of the academy from special measures to outstanding in three years has been a testament to the resilience and commitment of all who work in and around the school. It has been such a team effort, and I want to publically thank, alongside students, all the teachers, staff, governors and parents who have worked so closely, helping students secure the very best skills and qualifications during their time with us.

The support of Outwood Grange Academies Trust, including our team of outstanding Directors of Subject, has been (and continues to be) instrumental in the rapid transformation of the academy and I want to thank all my colleagues at OGAT who have supported us so well.

A copy of the report will be published on the Ofsted website within five working days, however a copy will be on our school website later today here: <http://www.bydales.outwood.com/ofsted> and also as a news item here: <http://www.bydales.outwood.com/blog/news/2475>

Thank you for your continued support, and the faith you place in all our staff, it is appreciated.

Yours faithfully



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