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### **Ofsted Inspection 2016**

Dear Parents and Friends:

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to say how proud we are of the progress made by the students and staff of the school over the last year, and of the significant improvements observed in the recent Ofsted inspection. The key highlights of the report are:

“The head teacher has taken decisive action since her appointment to address a long legacy of underachievement. She is passionate about wanting the best for pupils and the whole community. Senior leaders, staff and governors share her vision for continual improvement”

“The quality of teaching has improved considerably since the previous inspection”

“Teachers are an enthusiastic and committed team working hard to improve their practice and so raise standards for all pupils”

“The leader of special educational needs is ensuring that these pupils receive comprehensive and bespoke support and they are now making better progress”

and

“Published data does not give an accurate picture because groups are small and outcomes can vary widely from year to year. In addition, pupil mobility is high. Nearly half of the pupils in Year 11 in 2015 did not start in Year 7 and over a third did not start in Year 7 in the 2016 cohort. This means that data must be interpreted with caution.”

In summary, the report recognized that the senior leadership of the school was firmly in charge and that definite progress was being made in all areas. There are still weaknesses needing attention at the school, but everyone is working to address these challenges and to provide the best education possible to the students of the Solway Plan.

Yours sincerely

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Chair, Governing Body