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Dear parents and carers,

### **Ofsted report – October 2024**

On October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Ofsted visited the school to undertake a two-day inspection. This is the first inspection since July 2022 when the academy was judged as 'requires improvement' in all categories.

As you may have seen reported in the press, there is no longer a single word judgement made of schools. Ofsted simply grade individual aspects of the school. It is expected that this change will be further reformed by 2025, with Ofsted currently consulting on an entirely new framework and process for inspection.

I am pleased to report that the inspection team recognised many of the improvements that have been made at Kirk Hallam in just over two years. They rated behaviour and attitudes as 'Good' for the first time in over 12 years. This is in recognition of conduct of students across the school, the relationships between staff and students, the falling rates of suspension, and the significant improvements in attendance. Personal Development was also rated as 'Good', with inspectors recognising students' understanding of tolerance and respect for those who maybe different to them. We believe this provides an excellent foundation for our continued improvement journey.

As a school, we are delighted that Ofsted have validated our own self-evaluation, with our improvement priorities matching the areas for improvement in the inspection report. We are already hard at work addressing each of these to ensure we continue to develop.

Perhaps most pleasing was the result of the Ofsted 'Parent View' survey. We have seen significant improvement across all metrics since we were last inspected two years ago. Since the last inspection we have seen a 32% increase in the proportion of parents and carers that would recommend Kirk Hallam to other families.

We look forward to continuing to work together to build a truly transformational school at the heart of its community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr C Turner  
Headteacher

