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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to share with you the recent outcome of the Ofsted inspection at Iceni Secondary Academy, which took place on 3rd and 4th December 2024. We are pleased to inform you that, following the hard work of our staff, students, and leadership team, our efforts to improve leadership and management, behaviour and culture, personal development, and safeguarding have been positively recognised.

The inspection team highlighted significant improvements in these areas, which have had a tangible impact on the academy community. In particular, they noted the safe and calm environment at Iceni, the strong relationships between staff and students, and the positive personal development opportunities that are available to all students. Our commitment to raising standards and ensuring a supportive and inclusive culture has been appreciated, and we are proud to have this reflected in the inspection report.

Additionally, the report acknowledges that we have already made progress in improving the quality of education, including revising our curriculum to ensure it is broad and ambitious. However, it is also clear that we still have work to do, particularly in the areas of teaching and learning, and provision for students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). While we have already started addressing these areas, the report indicates that further time is needed to fully embed these improvements.

The report recommends that we focus on ensuring our SEND provision is more precisely tailored to meet the individual needs of students, and that we use assessment more effectively to address any gaps in knowledge caused by previous weaknesses in curriculum delivery. These are areas we are committed to improving, and we will continue to work hard to bring about the necessary improvements.

While the inspection team recognised the positive steps we have taken to communicate with parents/carers, they also suggested that we could do more to keep you better informed about the ongoing improvements and the rationale for our strategies and actions. We take this feedback seriously, and we are reviewing how we can strengthen our communication with you, ensuring that you feel fully engaged and part of our academy's journey.

We are grateful for your continued support, and we remain dedicated to working together to provide the best possible education for all our students. We are planning to hold an evening event at the end of this half term where we will go through the Ofsted report and keep you updated on the progress of the actions we are taking in response to the inspection. I will write to you in due course to invite you to this event.

Thank you once again for your support and trust in us. Together, we are making Iceni Secondary Academy an even better place for our students to learn and grow.

Yours Sincerely



**Richard Rushton**  
Principal