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Dear Parent/Carer

'Ofsted Report 21-22 May 2013'

I am delighted to announce that during our recent inspection Ofsted judged King Ecgbert School and Sixth Form to be outstanding. This outcome recognises the hard work and commitment of students, staff, parents and governors over the last few years.

Please find a copy of the newly published report enclosed for your scrutiny.

Highlights include the acknowledgement that all students, regardless of their starting point and ability, make outstanding progress. This means that all children are equipped superbly well at the end of Y11 to move into our outstanding sixth form or to other post-16 providers in the city. Following sixth form study at King Ecgbert a higher than expected proportion of our students move on to study at top universities.

The mathematics department was awarded particular praise "Achievement in mathematics is truly exceptional and amongst the very best nationally.... the quality of teaching is regularly outstanding". However, when you read the report, you will see that the high quality of our provision was recognised across the curriculum and at all key stages. Inspectors praised the high expectations that teachers have of all students and how these expectations motivate students to perform at the highest level. Lessons were praised as being imaginative and inspiring.

Inspectors were clear that the capacity to sustain our outstanding progress is high because senior and middle leaders accurately assess our school's strengths and act immediately on any weaknesses.

Whilst I am very proud that Ofsted have recognised the progress we have made as a school, I am not complacent and work will continue to achieve excellence for all our students to enable them to become happy, successful adults.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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