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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to share with you our recent Ofsted report, following the full inspection that took place in March. I am incredibly proud of our school community—our pupils, staff, governors, families and carers - who all contributed to such a positive and affirming inspection outcome.

The report highlights many of the strengths that make Bellerive such a special place. Inspectors recognised the consistently calm, purposeful and respectful atmosphere across the school, as well as the excellent behaviour of our pupils who embody our values. They noted the strong relationships between staff and pupils, the high quality of our pastoral care, and the safe, supportive culture that enables pupils to thrive.

We were particularly pleased that inspectors recognised:

- An embedded culture of kindness, compassion and respect.
- Warm, respectful relationships, with older pupils acting as excellent role models.
- Classrooms are calm and harmonious where pupils enjoy learning and are motivated to be successful.
- A broad and ambitious curriculum, strengthened in recent years, supporting pupils from Year 7 through to post 16.
- Teachers use their detailed subject knowledge to design activities that help pupils to learn the curriculum content well.
- A rich programme of personal development beyond the classroom helping students to flourish.
- Students leave the school well prepared for their next steps in education, training and employment.
- An ethos and vision rooted in inclusion, where each pupil is recognised and appreciated as an individual.
- Pupils value being part of the school's diverse community and are proud of belonging to a school that welcomes people from all backgrounds.
- Sixth form students relish being part of our vibrant sixth form community.
- A safe and open culture of safeguarding, where pupils feel extremely safe and well cared for.
- Good attendance and pupils' positive attitudes to learning.

These strengths are a direct reflection of the commitment of our staff and the enthusiasm of our wonderful pupils.

As with every inspection, Ofsted also identified areas for further development. Importantly, all of these were already recognised within our School Improvement Plan for this academic year, and inspectors endorsed the actions we have taken so far.

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You may notice that the report uses Ofsted's new framework, which no longer gives the familiar grades of Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate. Each area has its own judgement. 'Expected' is a rigorous and challenging standard to achieve - significantly more demanding than the previous 'Good' judgement.

The overall picture is one of a school that is strong, stable and ambitious for every pupil.

I want to thank you - as parents and carers - for your ongoing support. Your encouragement and partnership make a profound difference to our pupils and to the school. Most of all, I want to congratulate our pupils, whose conduct, companionship, gentleness and excellence shone through during the inspection.

We remain fully committed to providing the very best education and opportunities for every child at Bellerive. This report reflects the proud community and family we are today, and the even stronger one we are building for the future.

Yours sincerely

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