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Dear Parents

I am delighted to inform you that following a recent Ofsted inspection on Thursday 25 May 2017, the school continues to be a GOOD SCHOOL. This is very pleasing and it is testament to all the hard work from staff, students and your support as parents. I was particularly pleased that unlike the majority of Good schools, our inspection was completed in one day rather than two, confirming that we are at the very top end of GOOD. This in itself is a fantastic achievement.

The inspectors were very impressed with the quality of teaching, learning and leadership across the school. We are aspirational and do have high expectations and ambitions for all our students and it was pleasing to see these key elements recognised in the attached full report. As well as this, ensuring everyone is safe and understands how to stay safe is vital and inspectors congratulated us on our 'strong culture of safeguarding and pastoral care which permeates the school.

Some of the key quotes include:

- Principled and aspirational leadership embeds a culture of ambition which permeates the school
- The Misbourne is a harmonious school
- The needs of students are at the heart of everything the school does
- Students feel safe
- Students are friendly, polite, courteous and conduct themselves exceptionally well in lessons and around the school
- The leadership of teaching and learning is a considerable strength
- Students make good progress across the curriculum as a result of good teaching and support

As with any inspection, there are a small number of areas to be further improved and there were no surprises as we know our school well. One of these revolves around student attendance. In order to improve this we need your help. Unless there are significant medical reasons, a minimum of 96% attendance for students is now the expectation. Every day lost cannot be replaced and there is no substitute for quality first teaching. Once attendance slips to below this figure it can result in a lower GCSE grade so full attendance is vital.

Please read the attached full report which is a glowing testament to everyone associated with our school. We are a consistently GOOD school and with your help will strive to be even better.

Yours sincerely

Mr Robert Preston
Headteacher

The Misbourne is a Good School: *"Achievement is good and rising rapidly"*

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