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Dear Parent/Carer

Since our last Ofsted inspection which took place in November 2023, as a school, we have worked tirelessly to ensure every student can fulfil their potential at Nottingham Academy.

Our staff have continued to refine our curriculum to ensure it is broad, balanced and challenging for our students and it is pleasing to see how engaged our students are in lessons to maximise their progress.

In February 2025, Education Directors of the Greenwood Academies Trust conducted a visit to check the quality of education. This day provided the opportunity for Trust colleagues to work closely with the Senior Leadership Team to observe teaching, as well as meeting with a selection of staff and students.

We are overjoyed that the external review team (that consisted of Lead Ofsted inspector) reported that a 100% of lessons observed were at teacher standard in all three areas of Teaching, Curriculum & Behaviour, which indicates that your child is receiving a high-quality provision of education. We are delighted that the visit was incredibly positive, and I would like to share some of the comments that were highlighted by the Education Directorate:

- *The academy has further developed an open-door culture, which promotes risk taking and the sharing of best practice which is enabling learners to make excellent process.*
- *In the lessons seen almost all pupils were focused on their learning, and were engaged, and pupils were not allowed to opt out of learning. This contributed to the highly effective teaching standard in lessons.*
- *Teachers were also more consistent in checking pupils' understanding, through effective questioning, for example. When a gap in pupil's knowledge or misconception had been identified, teachers addressed it, before moving on.*
- *Pupils spoke positively about improvements in the quality of their learning experiences and that behaviour in lessons continues to improve.*

We are proud to have such a dedicated team of staff at Nottingham Academy, and as a school, we are continuing to make strong progress towards our on-going academy priorities.

If you would like to know any further information regarding our curriculum, I would encourage you to visit our website: [Nottingham Secondary Academy - Curriculum](#); alternatively, if you have any questions regarding the quality of education at Nottingham Academy, please do feel free to contact me directly.

Yours faithfully

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