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Dear Craig

I have recently had the opportunity to read the report following the school's recent Ofsted inspection and I wanted to pass on my congratulations to you, your staff, pupils and governors for the many positive judgements that the report contains. It is especially pleasing to read:

"The headteacher has been uncompromising in his resolution to ensure that pupils' outcomes are at the heart of the work of all adults in the school.

The headteacher has built a leadership team who share his ambitions for pupils and who, with him, lead by example and model strong professional practice. Together they have been successful in raising the quality of teaching, learning and assessment.

Leaders and governors, and a wide range of stakeholders, including pupils and parents, have worked together to build a new vision and set of values for the school. This means that all members of the school community are highly motivated by the school's aim of 'Dream Big' and its core values of 'respect, team and achieve'.

The quality of teaching has improved because of the determination and resolve of the headteacher and governors.

Teachers know their pupils' learning needs well. They assess the progress pupils make in lessons and adapt their planning and teaching quickly in the light of their findings.

Pupils at risk of falling behind are identified quickly and strategies put in place that help them catch up briskly.

The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is good.

Across the school, pupils demonstrate positive attitudes to learning. Pupils' involvement in developing the school's new vision and values means that they are highly motivated to learn.

Pupils currently at the school are making good progress from a wide range of starting points. Many, including the most able, those who have special educational needs and/or disabilities and disadvantaged pupils are exceeding the progress expected of them.

Scrutiny of pupil's work, observations in lessons and talking with pupils about their work shows that the progress pupils make has increased over time, particularly in English, mathematics and science.

Well done everybody!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Hardcastle', written in a cursive style.

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