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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Celebration of Our OFSTED Report - A Shared Success**

I am delighted to share with you our recent OFSTED inspection report, following our two-day inspection on 17 and 18 December 2024.

As you will be aware, the inspector's letter shared prior to the inspection mentioned that there is no overall judgment for a Section 8 ungraded inspection. The outcome of our inspection is: "Wellsway School has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection."

We are pleased to report that the inspection was an incredibly positive experience for Wellsway School. This confirms that we continue to be graded as 'Good' across all areas of the current OFSTED framework, as we were in our last inspection in July 2019:

- The Quality of Education: Good
- Behaviour and Attitudes: Good
- Personal Development: Good
- Leadership and Management: Good
- Sixth Form: Good

There is much to celebrate in the report, and I am thrilled that the aspects of the school we value most have been officially recognised by OFSTED. I encourage you to read the "What is it like to attend this school?" section, which highlights some of the positive findings.

Key highlights include:

- **High Ambitions and Achievement:** OFSTED commended our high ambitions for students, noting that pupils achieve well in published outcomes and are very positive about their school.
- **Conduct and Respect:** The inspector highlighted our high expectations for pupils' conduct, with students focusing on their learning and behaving respectfully toward each other. We are incredibly proud of how our students represent the school.
- **Enrichment Opportunities:** We are thrilled to see the extensive range of extracurricular activities recognised, with the report noting that "Enrichment opportunities run through the veins of the school." The inspector also praised our large pupil leadership programme, where students actively shape the school community.
- **Post 16:** The report celebrates the improvements made since the last inspection, noting that "sixth-form students apply to many different universities and apprenticeship programmes and are well prepared to follow their chosen career pathways."

While these findings reflect our collective ethos and values, I encourage you to read the full report to explore all the areas of excellence acknowledged by the inspection team.

The report also includes recommendations aligned with our own ongoing efforts for improvement, particularly around reading fluency and the adaptation of teaching strategies. These areas resonate with our self-evaluation, and we are committed to building on the progress we've already made to further enhance the experience for all learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to our students and families who contributed to the OFSTED process, including the Parent View feedback. Your input was greatly valued by the inspection team and discussed in detail.

We are extremely proud of the outcome of this inspection, which is a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff who support your children. Most importantly, it reflects the incredible students we have, who consistently demonstrate their commitment to the school, not just during the inspection, but every day as exemplary ambassadors.

Finally, I would like to express my deepest gratitude for your continued support of Wellsway School. Your partnership is essential to our success, and we are truly grateful for the unwavering trust you place in us.

The full report is attached to this letter, and it will also be available on the school website and the main OFSTED website. Please refer to page 6 of the report for a detailed overview of how the inspection was conducted.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

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

**Robert Pearsall**

Headteacher Wellsway School and  
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