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Dear Parent/ Carer

I would like to inform you about a positive monitoring inspection we had from Ofsted in June 2023, following the recent inspection in February 2023. This was the first monitoring inspection since the Academy was judged to have weaknesses in some areas and came just 67 working days after the last inspection.

We received the final report from the monitoring inspection this week. I will highlight some key points for you below but please do take some time to read the full report which has been published on our website.

- The inspector noted that small changes to the behaviour policy have clearly defined what is an acceptable and unacceptable way to speak to others, and pupils are reported to 'value this clarity'.
- It was recognised that 'Pupils were equally positive about how additional learning has helped them understand protected characteristics. They are beginning to 'see difference in its widest context and celebrate the diverse community they are part of'.
- The report identifies the continued success of collaborative working between pastoral and safeguarding leaders and special educational needs and disabilities coordinators which 'results in programmes that are centred around the whole child'.
- Bullying is said to have been given a higher priority and states the academy has given pupils reassurances about the seriousness of bullying and how they will deal with reported incidents which has begun to 'restore pupils' confidence'.

Wayne Norrie, Chief Executive of Greenwood Academies Trust, said:

"I am incredibly proud of the pupils and my colleagues at the City of Peterborough Academy and, in addition to this recent positive report, was delighted to see so many pupils celebrating their GCSE and vocational grades this summer following another strong set of results at the academy. Pupils do not achieve such strong grades if behaviour and attitudes in a school are inadequate.

I would like to thank parents and pupils for their continued belief in the Academy and GAT after the inspection. Many of you told me that you didn't recognise the Academy from the original inspection report and didn't feel some of the findings were accurate or fair.

I share your concerns and remain perplexed by some of the findings in the report in February which resulted in Inadequate judgements in some areas. However, we remain focused on supporting the Academy and continue our commitment to its improvement journey. It is pleasing to see the confidence we have in the Academy, combined with our support, has led to positive comments in the most recent monitoring visit."

Yours faithfully



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