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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Ofsted Inspection at St James Academy 01 & 02 March 2022

I am delighted to share with you the enclosed Ofsted Inspection Report following our recent inspection on Ist and 2nd March 2022 under section 5 of the Education Act 2005. This report demonstrates the significant improvements our academy has made since the last inspection.

The report captures the culture of our academy by stating that "Dreaming big is a core school value, encouraging pupils to have high aspirations for their future" and that "Pupils are respectful and good manners are a fundamental expectation." The report also acknowledges that "Leaders prioritise keeping pupils safe" and that our "Pupils feel safe and enjoy attending school." We are proud that "The behaviour policy is consistently applied across the school" and that "rewards are at the centre".

The report highlights that "Teachers are passionate about their subjects and are ambitious for pupils to do well" and that "Teachers use a range of approaches to introduce new learning to pupils." We are honoured that we are able to provide an education which results in positive destinations for our learners.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our stakeholders including our learners, staff, governance and parents and carers for their commitment to improving our academy. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Dudley Academies Trust for their invaluable support since our academy joined the Trust.

Finally, please be aware that Ofsted have confirmed that the report will be published to the Ofsted website within 8 working days of 25/04/22.

Yours faithfully,

Mr I Moore Principal

