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Dear Families,

I am delighted to provide a copy of our latest Ofsted report. Ofsted visited the Academy on 20th and 21st May 2025 to carry out a full graded inspection. Ofsted no longer provide an overall grade for a school, but they do provide separate grades for the quality of education, leadership and management, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, and the sixth form.

We are very proud that Ofsted have confirmed that we are now **“Good” in every category**. We have always known that an education at Churchill provides a firm foundation for future success, and it’s heartening to see that recognised in this report.

[Read the Ofsted Report at this link](#)

The Ofsted report praises the “broad and ambitious curriculum that prepares students well for their next steps in learning.” The inspectors agreed that the school has high expectations of our students, aligning with our vision to set no limits on what we can achieve, and our purpose which is to inspire and enable young people to make a positive difference.

Ofsted recognise that the Academy has “taken effective action to improve behaviour” since the last inspection in March 2023, with the report emphasising that “students, staff, parents and carers all agreed that behaviour had improved and that students are safe at school.” The report also notes that “social times are typically calm and harmonious.”

Ofsted found that teachers use strong subject knowledge and engaging lesson activities to enable students to gain a deep understanding of their subjects. They also confirmed that our reading strategy encourages students to read frequently to support their fluency and confidence.

Churchill’s Sixth Form provision is highlighted as enabling students to complete work that is academically rigorous, praising students’ “deep knowledge.” Ofsted reports that the school has a comprehensive approach to preparing students for

life beyond school, with sixth form students progressing to destinations that align with their interests and aspirations.

The report also highlights the “multitude of clubs” that offer students opportunities to develop beyond the academic curriculum, including sports and music. In addition, Ofsted notes in its report how the Academy adapts its curriculum in light of emerging local and national issues, enabling students to understand, discuss views, express their own opinions, and consider other perspectives surrounding complex issues.

Ofsted reports that the Academy’s governing body, and the wider support offered by the Lighthouse Schools Partnership, have provided additional resources to ensure that the school’s work with students with SEND and those who are disadvantaged is prioritised. There is still work to do in this area to ensure that support for these students is consistently precise, and this work is already underway.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for your responses to the Ofsted ParentView survey, which contributed to the inspection judgments, and for your wider support of the Academy over recent years. The partnership between home and school is really important to us, and Ofsted have noted that we can do more to ensure that you are better informed about the actions we are taking in school so that you are more securely confident in us. We are already developing plans to improve in this area, and we assure you that this will be a high priority for us over the coming year and beyond.

I want to thank the staff, the governing body for all their hard work in continuing to improve our Academy. Their commitment to our vision, values and purpose has enabled us to move forward so positively, and it’s heartening to see this recognised in the report.

The final “thank you” must go to our wonderful students, who remain our finest ambassadors. During the inspection and as they do every day, they conducted themselves with kindness, curiosity and determination, and set no limits on what they can achieve. I’m very proud of them!

Yours sincerely,



Chris Hildrew
Headteacher