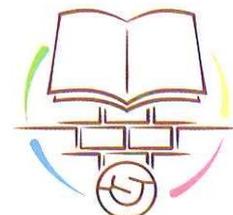


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Dear Parents and Carers,

### Ofsted Report

As you will know, we recently had an Ofsted inspection and we are writing to let you know the outcome. Whilst there were many examples of good and outstanding practice, there were also some very specific areas in relation to the outcomes in particular for disadvantaged students, where Blenheim is less strong and this led to an overall judgement of Requires Improvement.

We are obviously disappointed by this outcome but we are taking on board the inspectors' comments, and will be working hard to address the issues raised as quickly as possible.

We were pleased that Ofsted rightly recognised the many strengths of Blenheim. These included the high quality offered by the Sixth Form, and the good teaching in many subject areas, resulting in good outcomes for the vast majority of students. Ofsted also commented on how well supported students are, resulting in positive, respectful relationships between staff and students, with students behaving well in lessons and around school, even when unsupervised.

The area where we need to increase the pace and scale of change is how well we support students, and in particular disadvantaged students, to make better progress. This is in line with a national focus on improving results for disadvantaged youngsters. The inspectors recognised that the school is aware of the need to improve in this area and that it has taken steps to address this issue, but that the progress being made is not yet rapid enough so that disadvantaged students achieve as well as other students nationally.

The co-principals and the leadership team are sharply focused on achieving progress for all students and are committed to achieving better results for students of all abilities. The new head, Tony Bodell, will join the school in April. He is committed to building on the momentum that the current leadership team have put in place and will take this work forward with a focus on increasing the pace of change. There are strong foundations in place, and the school is well placed to bring about rapid change in the areas needed.

A copy of the full Ofsted report is attached for your information.

If you have any questions please do contact me or either of the co-principals.

Yours faithfully,

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