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Following on from our latest Ofsted inspection, we are very pleased to see the report recognises the rapid and sustained improvements that CODA has made since the school moved to QEGSMAT in 2017.

I believe that the report reflects the determination across the school community to improve the life chances for all students, which is at the heart of everything we do.

There are a number of highlights within the report, which we are very proud of. These include the report's reference to the fact that *'staff and pupils agree that they celebrate the diversity of all those who attend and that pupils say they enjoy coming to CODA and have good relationships with their teachers'* and the fact that *'Leaders promote a welcoming and caring ethos at the school, and this is one of the reasons why many pupils feel safe and happy.'*

It is also pleasing that the inspection report comments on how *'leaders have improved the school considerably from when it first joined the multi-academy trust and have a clear vision and high ambitions for all pupils.'*

Another element that we are delighted to have recognised is that CODA *'leaders have adopted a clear and ambitious curriculum and have trained teachers and subject leaders to construct a curriculum that revisits and repeats the most important concepts, which helps many pupils develop a depth of learning in many subjects'*.

The report also comments that *'many pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and those who speak English as an additional language, receive support so that they achieve as well as their peers'* is very rewarding as this is a focus within the school vision and our school community.

Finally, CODA has achieved two 'Good' elements in Personal Development and Leadership and Management, which is well deserved, and a first for CODA. The Ofsted team were also clear that the current leaders, policies, and practices have the capacity to achieve a 'Good' overall judgement in the near future.

There's much to take from the report and we will be focusing on driving forward further improvements. The building blocks are there for continued success and we are all completely focused on achieving that. I would personally like to thank all the staff at CODA who have worked tirelessly to support the school vision every single day as well as the school community, including governors, parents, and guardians, for their ongoing support and of course our pupils, who have openly embraced our new school culture and inspire us all.

Kind Regards

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Proud Headteacher

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