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Dear students, parents/carers and staff,

I am pleased to share with you the full report from our recent Ofsted inspection on 19th and 20th March 2024:
<https://www.cityofderbyacademy.org/information/ofsted/>

The report is overwhelmingly positive and recognises the strengths of the school and the continued progress being made. Some highlights are:

- *CODA is a school that welcomes and celebrates the diversity of the local community.*
- *There is a caring ethos. Pupils feel safe. The vast majority are happy.*
- *The school has high expectations of all pupils.*
- *Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) and those who speak English as an additional language are well supported to learn the curriculum.*
- *Leaders have secured many improvements since the school's last inspection.*
- *The curriculum has been strengthened.*
- ***Behaviour is now good.***
- *Pupils are polite and respectful to each other adults.*
- *There are strong relationships between staff and pupils.*
- *Pupils receive high-quality pastoral support. They know that staff are always available to talk to them if they have concerns.*

The inspection report aligns with the academy's own self-evaluation, and the inspection team recognised that leaders already have the right plans in place to secure the improvements required to achieve "good" overall at the next inspection.

Anne Martin, CEO of QEGSMAT praised the school for the progress made since the last inspection, two years ago. She is particularly proud of the students, who work hard, are loyal to their school community, are always curious, respectful, positive, and grateful. The staff and community are committed to improving the life chances of all students at the school and this is reflected in the judgements from inspectors. There is always more work to be done in every school, and the plans already in progress will continue to accelerate and improve outcomes for young people.

I wish to personally thank our students and staff for their loyalty and hard work, and parents/carers for their support, all of which enable CODA to achieve our vision of improving life chances.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Harding (Headteacher)

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