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Dear Students

I am writing on behalf of the inspection team to let you know the judgements we have made about your school. Thank you for taking part in the inspection by talking to us about your work, your life in school and all you do. We believe your school is an outstanding school and we would like to give our reasons.

- * There is a strong sense of Christian morality in the school, both in the way you are treated and also in the respect and concern shown for vulnerable people in this country and abroad
- * The very high examination results at GCSE and in the sixth form.
- * The headteacher and the people with responsibility make decisions with your best interests in mind. You, through the school council, play an important part in improving the school and your ideas are acted upon.
- * You enjoy coming to school and you achieve well.
- * The quality of teaching in your school is consistently good and your behaviour is excellent
- * You told us that you are cared for extremely well. We saw lots of evidence to support what you told us.
- * You behave in a very sensible and mature way around the school. The vast majority of you and your parents are very happy with the school and all it offers. Many of you take part in the wide range of extra activities.
- * Becoming a business and enterprise specialist college is beginning to build on your already strong preparation for adult life

While we judge your school to be outstanding, that does not mean that it is perfect. We believe that some of you could do even better. We have asked that you be given even better help by

- * Ensuring that teachers in all subjects mark your work in a way that makes it easier for you to know how well you are doing and what you need to do to improve.

Adrian Lyons

Her Majesty's Inspector