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Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to share the outcome letter from our recent OFSTED Inspection with you. The OFSTED regime has changed once again and, since we were previously judged to be a school rated "Good with Outstanding Leadership", we were not required to have a full inspection this time. Instead, Her Majesty's Inspectors conduct a one day visit (called a Section 8 Inspection) from which they write a letter. This letter is attached. If the Inspectors had found the school to require a full inspection (called a Section 5) the one day inspection would have been increased to a second day. Happily, they found that the school was maintaining and improving standards and give the details of their findings in the letter.

We are particularly proud to have Inspectors note the improvements made from the last report: good progress made by students, exemplary behaviour and that our "Excellence for All" vision statement is tangible in our drive for improvement.

On another important matter, the formal consultation regarding St Crispin's converting to become an Academy and founder school in the creation of The Circle Trust has now concluded. We are pleased to report that there was positive support for the proposition and, therefore, formal application has been made to the Department of Education. Although we had been hopeful to have moved to convert on 1st July 2017, the news of a General Election means this is virtually impossible as we move to a period of purdah. We, therefore, anticipate conversion will now take place during the autumn term.

We do hope you enjoy reading the OFSTED letter. Naturally there are areas to improve but most definitely a great deal to celebrate.

Yours faithfully

Ginny Rhodes

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