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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the recent OFSTED inspection, I am delighted to tell you that Chichester Free School has received much praise from the Inspectors, who have confirmed the good education and care students receive. As the area's only all-through school, scoring a rating of 'Good' in all areas against a backdrop of years of temporary accommodation and a big move to our permanent site feels very special.

I would like to highlight to you a number of the key features that we are particularly proud of:

- Across the school, the curriculum is based on carefully thought-out aims, which support leaders' high aspirations for what pupils can and should achieve.
- The report praises the continuing high standards and strong teaching which enable all pupils to make good progress from Reception right up to the Sixth Form.
- Inspectors observe that Reception Year children's development is consistently above average and is on track to increase further this year.
- Primary pupils experience a suitably broad range of subjects that complement their English and mathematics work successfully.
- For secondary pupils, the breadth of the curriculum is maintained, built around a high-quality core of subjects and they receive useful careers information and guidance that supports their next steps successfully.
- Leaders have given careful thought to exposing pupils to interesting experiences that guide their thinking about life after school...As a result, every pupil who completed Year 11 in 2018 moved on to an education, employment or training opportunity.
- The Sixth Form, which opened in September 2018, is singled out for praise, with inspectors reporting that teaching in the Sixth Form is strong across the curriculum and that students are successful because teaching challenges them to deepen their thinking.



- Inspectors also highlight that the broad curriculum of an extensive programme of activities, clubs and visits complements pupils' in-class learning positively. As a result, they enjoy learning that prepares them well for the future.

I am confident that your decision to choose Chichester Free School for your child's education has been reinforced by this report. As many of you may already know, the DFE regulations for inspecting schools has become much more rigorous than ever before, and therefore these judgements are even more pleasing to read. You will find a copy of the full inspection in [pdf format attached here](#).

I would like to thank our dedicated hard-working staff, as well as all the pupils for their fantastic efforts, and a special thank you to you, the families, for your excellent support that you have shown during the school's remarkable journey since opening just six years ago. We are one community and the OFSTED report strongly highlights this and we should all be very proud of how far we have come.

We do, of course, recognise that there are still areas for further development which we will be addressing moving forward and will be giving regular updates as and when required.

Together with last week's announcement that we have appointed our new Principal, Louise New, who will take over from me in September, I strongly believe that this is an exciting time for Chichester Free School. I look forward to spending lots of time with Louise over the coming months to ensure a smooth handover.

With my best wishes

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. J. Clough'.

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