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OFSTED Report 2011

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you know, we recently hosted a team of government inspectors from OFSTED here at school.

Attached is a copy of the report as well as a letter to each student thanking them for their active and very positive participation on the two-day inspection.

We are particularly proud of a number of aspects that the inspectors highlighted:

- **"A dedicated team of staff provide high-quality care and work closely with parents and carers."**
- "Great Wyrley has a considerable number of strengths in its provision for students' **personal development** and the promotion of **performing arts.**"
- "Students learn in a **supportive and inclusive environment** where **behaviour is good**....students are sensible, orderly and calm around school"
- **"Students feel safe** and make a good contribution to the school and local community."
- "The quality of students' **care, guidance and support is good**, as are procedures for safeguarding. Students from potentially vulnerable circumstances are served well by the close attention the school gives to their needs."
- "There is an **improving wide range of curriculum options** available which is increasingly meeting students' needs and aspirations."
- **"The level of pastoral care provided is a strength of the school.** The student support centre provides considerable help and guidance and therefore enables the school to make good use of the expertise of outside agencies"
- "There is an active promotion of **equality of opportunity** through the curriculum"



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We are very pleased with these comments and I am particularly proud of the feedback our students gave to the inspectors because if we are to continue improving and developing to achieve the best possible deal educationally for all our young people then relationships will need to continue to be open and strong.

We do have some aspects that need to improve and we had already begun work on these before the inspection and we shall continue now that the process is completed. The areas of

- Improving achievement by increasing the proportion of lessons that are good or outstanding
- Increasing the pace of change by strengthening monitoring and evaluation

will form the basis of our school improvement plan for 2011-2012 and beyond.

Thank you for taking the time to read this brief outline of our Ofsted report. Further details are contained in the full report attached. I hope you will feel encouraged by these comments and will continue to support us as we try to do even better in all aspects of our work in this and future years.

Best wishes,

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