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Ofsted Inspection - 24th – 25th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that this letter finds you well. Following our recent Ofsted Inspection which took place on 24th – 25th January 2023, I am now pleased to be able to share the final report with you.

As you know, Hartshill Academy is on a journey of improvement, and this has been recognised in the report. Ofsted recognised the strengths of the school and the culture we are building. Ofsted highlighted some key areas that we are continuing to develop on our journey to providing the best possible education in the best possible facilities when our new school building opens later this year.

In this recent inspection, Ofsted graded the Academy as Good in the categories for Leadership and Management and Personal Development, with the overall judgement being that the Academy Requires Improvement. They said *“Leaders have high aspirations for pupils at Hartshill Academy. They want all pupils to ‘be kind, work hard and achieve’”*.

Ofsted spoke to pupils who say that they *“welcome the clarity of the HART values of Heart, Ambition, Respect and Tenacity.”* The report acknowledges that the academy’s leaders have bought *“greater clarity to expectations around learning and behaviour”*. As a result, pupils’ behaviour is improving and there is a strong focus on addressing bullying with some pupils acting as ‘anti-bullying ambassadors’ noted by Ofsted as a *“positive part of the school culture”*.

The report stated that the academy provides a range of enrichment opportunities and an extensive careers programme in which pupils *“engage enthusiastically”*. Personal development for pupils was graded as ‘Good’. Ofsted also noted that pupils are being presented with a range of opportunities to develop their reading skills.

Inspectors commented on our broad and ambitious curriculum, and the range of subject pupils study. Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities are well supported by Progress Coaches.

The full report will be published on the Ofsted website on 10th March 2023. However, we are allowed to inform parents and carers of the outcomes, and I have attached a copy for the report for your attention.

The report highlights the improvement journey the school has had so far. We are striving to be the best, because we believe that our pupils and our community deserve it.

Thank you for the support you have given us along this journey. I look forward to working with you in the coming months as together we ensure the best for your child.

Yours sincerely



Miss Lorraine Taylor
Principal