Dear Parents and Carers

6th March 2014

The feedback from Ofsted’s visit a few weeks ago is now available on the Ofsted website and the School’s website. As I said before half term this was a very positive visit by Ofsted and I am pleased to report that we are making “reasonable progress towards the removal of special measures.”

Across the range of Ofsted measures there was positive feedback:

**Achievement and Progress:**

“Boys with whom inspectors met knew their targets well and scrutiny of their work in lessons indicated in many instances that they were making good progress towards meeting them, particularly at Key Stage 4 and in the sixth form.”

**Teaching and Learning:**

“Boys told inspectors, ‘There is no reason to underachieve now. Homework is set and it is chased. If you need help or guidance, teachers provide it. This was not the case in the past.’”

“Students with whom inspectors met were clear that, in general, the quality of teaching has significantly improved. Their parents, carers and inspectors agree.”

“Helpful marking was in evidence across all subjects within the academy, and students say this has greatly improved.”

**Behaviour for Learning:**

“The academy provides a calm environment which students value and respect. Boys with whom inspectors spoke say that behaviour in lessons has improved.”

“Inspectors witnessed no incidents of disruption in lessons and generally positive attitudes to learning.”

**Leadership and Management:**

“Since the first monitoring visit in October 2013, leaders have taken decisive steps to improve the quality of teaching.”

“Members of the IMB are clear about their roles and accountabilities. They have high expectations of academy leaders and conduct routine monitoring activity such as learning walks and scrutiny of leaders’ monitoring of teaching and learning.”

Therefore, I am pleased that Ofsted has recognised the progress we have made here at Chatham Grammar School for Boys. However, I do know that we still have progress to make and that, although the school as a whole has significantly improved since September, there are still specific issues for some individuals and groups that we still need to address. I would like to thank students, staff and parents for their ongoing support, understanding and hard work I know that together we can continue to improve the school.

Yours sincerely

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