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Dear Parent/Carer

Please accept my very best wishes for a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

I am pleased to enclose with this letter a copy of the letter regarding the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection. As you will read in the letter, we have done extremely well. In the context of Pendle Vale College being inspected under an increasingly challenging Ofsted Framework we have done superbly well to receive the judgement that **“This school continues to be good.”** These are six words that say a great deal about how well the College is doing and I sincerely hope you share in the delight that we feel. The narrative of the letter reads extremely well and I want to thank my staff, my Governors, our students and you parents for the significant contributions that have been made to what is a success story.

The ‘next steps for the school’ are priorities that we had already picked up on and are part of our College Improvement Plan. We know our strengths but we also clearly understand what we need to do to address our areas of weakness.

The letter places us in a position where we can now launch ourselves towards becoming an Outstanding school. This will be a great challenge for us all. All us stakeholders, the staff, Governors, students and parents will have to raise our games to the next level if we are to realise this achievable ambition.

One of the biggest challenges will be improving the achievement and engagement of boys. This is a national problem but one that we will be taking on head first. Tolerance levels for poor attitude, poor behaviour and disruption to learning will be significantly lowered. This is one area where I feel the support of all parents will be crucial.

I hope you enjoy reading the letter and feel the same pleasure and pride that we feel. You will be reading or hearing some media publicity about this and also about our fantastic Progress 8 score from last year that places us as the 8th best school in Lancashire out of 82 schools.

Thank you for your continued support and hopefully a commitment to helping us becoming even better.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Wilson
Headteacher

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