



RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are well and that you enjoyed the recent Easter break and Bank Holiday.

Many of you will be aware that Ofsted, the school inspectorate, recently came to conduct an anticipated, Section 5 inspection. I am pleased to be able to now share the [link to the full report](#) which has been published today. I hope you agree that this makes very pleasant reading and is testament to the hard work of everyone here at Range High School over recent years. We are once again officially a good school!

As can be gleaned from their report, the inspection team left no stone unturned when conducting their work over a two day period. Again, as many of you will be aware, when Ofsted were last here in 2018, they were keen to ensure that some key aspects of the school needed to improve particularly around behaviour, attitudes and outcomes for certain groups of students. It is very pleasing to note that under a new, very demanding framework, we were found to be 'Good' in all categories including 'Overall Effectiveness'. In light of the Covid pandemic, a new Ofsted Inspection framework and budgetary constraints this is a significant achievement for everyone involved in our school community. I would like to thank all of the staff, teaching and associate, who have worked tirelessly in recent years to implement rapid change in difficult times across an array of school systems, procedures and policies. I would like to thank our devoted, supportive and challenging Board of Trustees who give regularly of their time and commitment and who were instrumental in getting the school back to winning ways. I would like to thank you, our families, parents and carers, who work with us in a collaborative and supportive way. Range cannot be the school it is without your support of everything we are trying to do for your children, our students on a daily basis.

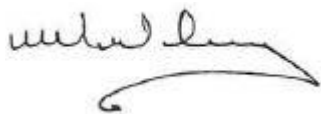
Finally and most importantly, I would like to congratulate and thank our young people in all year groups. Throughout the inspection, they engaged with everything that was asked of them and the Inspectors were more than complimentary about the vast, vast majority on many occasions throughout the inspection process. They found them to be engaging, articulate and confident young people who are proud of their school, who are very aware that it has improved significantly but also who have ideas as to how it can improve further. Well done to all of them and as is often the case in schools, the students are right. We have improved but I, along with the staff and trustees, are now more determined than ever to

continue on our journey back to outstanding. Again, under the new inspection framework, this is not an easy feat but it is one we will all continue to strive for in the coming years as we continue with our journey of self-improvement.

As a special reward to everyone here at school and as a small way of saying thank you to the staff and students for their ongoing hard work and commitment, I have agreed with the trustees that school will finish early on Friday, 20th May at 1.45pm. This is a week one on the timetable and so not the usual week 2 early finish. I hope the students see this as a reward for their hard work and commitment to making their school a better place to come and learn every day. The Sixth Form students will obviously not be here on a Friday so we will reward them with a 'sugary' treat and drink the following week- again a small token of appreciation but a way of saying thank you to our senior students for everything that they do to make Range a better place.

Please do take the time to access the report and I do hope you enjoy reading it. As always, if you have any comments or questions, please get in touch.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. McGarry', with a long, sweeping underline that curves back to the left.

Mr M. McGarry

Headteacher