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Dear Parent / Carer

Ofsted Visit Rooks Heath School 12th – 13th March 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have really supported all students to strive to be their very best in their studies, attitudes to learning and to be at school every day and on time. Many of you will read this letter in acknowledgement and support of the school's aims and recognise yourselves as the families who uphold the school's policies.

What a week we have had. On Monday morning, we were going about our normal daily school routine. I for one, was making my way to teach a year 7 class when the call came: Ofsted will be at the school to inspect from 8:00am the next morning. The experience was phenomenal, and we were fortunate to have such a rigorous and humane inspection team. The staff, students, governors and trustees all came together in a wonderful way to show what we do. There was a real feeling of solidarity. A real coming together of the Rooks Heath Family. An incredible demonstration of the work we do every day and our commitment to our students. Students were brilliant, sharing their knowledge of school life and spoke with pride about their experiences at Rooks Heath school. Over 600 students completed the survey and you as parents and carers also played your part too in completing the Ofsted survey, the feedback of which is considered in the outcome.

The inspection team will now draft a report which will be quality assured by Ofsted to inform the final written report. We are unlikely to receive this before the Easter break so we anticipate it will arrive shortly after we return. I will keep you posted. I was immensely proud of our school and all the individuals contributing to it, most of all our students and feel very blessed to work alongside amazing colleagues, students and parents.

I was recently made aware of The Big Listen, the opportunity for you to help Ofsted improve and is open to anyone whose work, children, decisions, education or care are affected by what Ofsted do. If so they want to hear from you. If you have a few minutes spare, do contribute to the survey here <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/ofsted-big-listen>. It closes on 31 May 2024.

Students will end this term as normal on Thursday 28th March at 3:15pm. We return on Monday 15th April at the normal start time of 8:40am.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Miriam Manderson

Headteacher

