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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to officially share the outcome of our recent Ofsted Inspection with you all. A copy of the Report accompanies this letter.

King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy has been rated “**Good**” in all areas by Ofsted in a hugely positive report.

The school was assessed in the following areas:

Quality of Education: **Good**

Behaviour and Attitudes: **Good**

Personal Development: **Good**

Leadership and Management: **Good**

The report is extremely complimentary about the school, the pupils and staff and all those who have supported BWA on its journey to ‘good’. Reading through the report, we are so proud of what the school has achieved working in collaboration with the King Edward VI Foundation.

Findings in the Ofsted report include:

- “Pupils know that staff have high expectations of them and want them to be successful.”
- “They manage their behaviour well at social times and move around the school in a calm orderly manner. Older pupils talk about how much behaviour and learning have improved during their time at the school.”
- “Pupils enjoy the opportunities that they have to learn beyond the classroom, including residential trips and author visits. Many pupils make the most of the extracurricular activities on offer. “
- “The curriculum is broad and learned by all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Each subject has a carefully sequenced curriculum that helps pupils to learn well over time.”
- “The school has introduced useful learning strategies that are used consistently across the curriculum. “
- “The identification and support for pupils with SEND are strong.”
- “Personal development is a strength. Pupils benefit from a well-planned personal, social, health and economic curriculum that is taught by a small team of expert staff.”
- “Powerful assemblies” and helpful advice and guidance about future choices, whatever pupils’ career aspirations, are also highlighted.
- Staff feel valued and appreciate how their workload and their well-being are considered by leaders at all levels.”

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This is a wonderful achievement which reflects the commitment, hard work and determination of Mr McGarvey and his staff team. We are also incredibly proud of our pupils and the wider school community for the part they have played at Balaam Wood over the last few years. We are also very appreciative for the support offered by the King Edward VI Foundation's Education Department. This glowing report is testament to everyone's hard work.

We would also like to extend our genuine and heartfelt thanks to you, our parents and carers. Your support on a day-to-day basis is essential if your child is to reach their full potential. Thank you to those of you who responded to the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire, especially those of you who would recommend the school to others. It is good to know that you feel your children are in safe hands.

As we move forward, we fully intend to take on board the inspection finding and continue to strive towards excellence.

Yours faithfully,

Val Allen, Co-Chair

Lynda Roan, Co-Chair

On behalf of the Governing Body of King Edward VI Balaam Wood Academy

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