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Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted inspection outcome

We hope you are having a positive start to the new year.

As many of you will be aware, Ofsted carried out an inspection of George Eliot Academy at the end of last term. This marks the school's first inspection since 2021, and the first under Ofsted's new education inspection framework which was introduced in November 2025.

The new framework assesses schools like George Eliot on a wider range of criteria with Ofsted reports now including more information about a school's context.

We are very pleased to inform you that George Eliot was judged to have met the 'expected standard' across all six criteria, with inspectors finding much to praise about the school. In our experience so far, this grading is equivalent to a slightly more rigorous grading of 'Good' under the previous inspection framework.

Attached to this letter is the Inspectors' report which we would encourage you to read in full, alongside a factsheet which provides some more information on the new framework.

In their report, Inspectors highlight the "*significant improvements*" in the school in recent years and the positive impact that the culture of high expectations has had on pupils. This excellent feedback is testament to the efforts of pupils and staff alike, all of whom should be very proud of their efforts. The report also credits the strong leadership at the school in bringing about these changes, including the "*determined actions*" of leaders which place "*pupils' best interests at heart*".

It is also gratifying that Inspectors note the sense of belonging and pride that pupils feel to the school as part of the 'George Eliot family', in particular through the positive relationships that have been fostered amongst pupils and staff. Staff are likewise praised by the Inspectors for

their knowledge of pupils and for adapting teaching effectively to support all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), to learn well. These relationships contribute to a “*strong culture of care and inclusion*” present at the school in which pupils feel “*safe and valued*”.

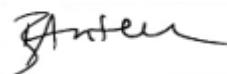
Alongside the improvements to pupils’ overall achievements in recent years, Inspectors highlight the opportunities pupils receive to develop their wider skills, for example through running ‘The Hive’ and the creation of the ‘Harmony Garden’. These foundations help “*prepare them well for adult life*”.

As ever, we would like to thank you for your continued support of the school, and may we wish your child a successful remainder of this term.

Yours sincerely



Sir Jon Coles
Chief Executive



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Director of Secondary Academies