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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to share with you the findings of our recent Ofsted inspection. Following a robust two-day inspection, Ofsted firmly agreed with our self-evaluation that we are a 'Good' Academy in all aspects.

Overall effectiveness - November 2017 Inspection	Good
Effectiveness of leadership and management	Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Good
16 to 19 study programmes	Good
Overall effectiveness at previous inspection (May 2013)	Good

The full report will be uploaded to The Leigh Academy website at the start of next week, in the meantime, here are some extracts that make me truly proud of our students, staff and our Academy.

- “The co-principals and leadership team are determined to provide a rich experience for pupils, which enables them to learn well and grow as individuals
- Senior and Middle leadership are strong
- The close attention to pupils’ development, coupled with strong relationships within the Colleges, fosters a sense of belonging which pupils enjoy and which helps them feel safe and secure
- Throughout the school staff are hard-working and committed to ensuring that pupils thrive, feel safe and gain the confidence they need to achieve well
- Enthusiastic teachers show strong subject knowledge and teach in a lively manner to engage students
- Standards are rising across the school in many subjects as a result of sharper leadership and better teaching
- Quality of teaching is good overall
- Strong relationships between staff and pupils builds high levels of trust
- Pupils are keen to learn and told inspectors how much they enjoy their lessons

- Pupils welfare and well -being have a high priority in the school
- Pupils are proud of their school
- The behaviour of pupils is good. They wear their uniform with pride. The vast majority of pupils are polite and welcoming
- Pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities make good progress, due to high quality provision
- There is increased rigour and expectations in Post 16 provision, teaching in Post 16 provision is good overall
- During their time in Post 16 provision, students are provided with a range of experiences and opportunities that enable them to develop well
- New leaderships has provided for fresh impetus to the drive for rapid improvement throughout the school
- Members of Leigh Academies Trust and the Governors are very proud of the achievements of the school. They are committed to providing an educational experience which motivates and inspires pupils and prepares them well for their next steps”

There are, as always, recommendations for further improvements and I am working, with my leadership team and the Trust, to ensure that these are embedded and having an immediate positive impact on our young people.

I am sure that you will agree that The Leigh is a fantastic Academy and I thank you for your continued support which ensures that we can work in partnership with you to provide the very best educational experience for your child.

Yours faithfully



Julia Collins  
Academy Principal