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Dear Parent/Carer

It is with great pleasure that we can now confirm that Magnus Academy has been graded as 'Good' in all areas by Ofsted. This includes overall effectiveness, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, personal development, behaviour and welfare, outcomes for pupils and the sixth form.

Since joining the school in September 2016 I have had one goal in mind; to build a great school for a great community. I have made it my mission to grow Magnus Academy into a school the community is proud of and one in which you have confidence. I am therefore delighted that all the hard work has been recognised by the Ofsted team and that this vision is becoming a reality. I am so pleased to be able to tell you that your child attends the first 'Good' secondary school in the Newark area for a very long time.

This fantastic news follows a rigorous two-day Ofsted inspection, which as you know took place in early May and I am delighted that Ofsted has recognised all the excellent things taking place here at Magnus and what a special place the academy truly is.

The inspectors noted how **"Leaders have fully involved teachers in their work to improve the school" which is "helping to drive improvements in teaching"**. The report also recognised that **"Pupils are happy and well cared for. They are friendly, courteous and polite. Pupils take pride in their work and their appearance"** and that **"pupils' conduct in class and around the school is exemplary"** – it is no surprise that we are very proud of our students, as, I'm sure, you are also.

We could not have achieved this without your support and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you, your fantastic children and our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment, which has helped to make Magnus such an amazing place to learn, work and succeed.

The report highlights many key strengths of our academy. Some areas that make us very proud include:

- Inspectors recognised that **"Staff care well for pupils' physical and emotional well-being. Teachers take a healthy, balanced attitude towards examinations"** and **"avoid placing pupils under undue pressure"**.
- **"Leaders' high aspirations have contributed to improvements in pupils' progress"**.
- Students **"enjoy school"** and are **"well mannered, welcoming to visitors and keen to help"**.
- **"Teachers have excellent subject knowledge. Their enthusiasm has a positive impact on pupils' learning, especially in geography"**.
- **"Students enjoy being part of the sixth form and the school. They are very loyal to the school. Their behaviour is mature and they are conscientious in their studies"**.
- **"Teaching has improved since the last inspection. Most teaching is now of a high standard. Teachers have high expectations of what pupils can achieve"**.
- Inspectors noted that **"The school is calm and orderly"** and that **"Pupils behave very well in lessons and during social times"** and were impressed that they **"saw no disruptive behaviour in any of the 52 lessons visited"**.
- **"Pupils' GCSE examination results in 2018 indicated they had made better progress than in previous years. Inspectors' scrutiny of pupils' work shows current pupils are making good progress in a wide range of subjects and across year groups"**.

These are just a few of the many highlights and I urge you to read and share the full copy of the report from Ofsted which is available through the academy website at <http://www.magnusacademy.co.uk/homepage-news/ofsted-good-rating/> and via our social media pages, as this is not only a great achievement for the academy but also for your children and the local community.



Thank you for trusting us through all the changes and for putting your faith in Magnus Academy. I hope this report encourages you and reassures you in your decision to send your child to a local school. We will now build on this strong foundation to ensure our school continues to deliver the very best for you and this community.

As always, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

**Mrs A Martin**  
Principal