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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Ofsted Monitoring Visit**

On 9 March, Mr Tim Bristow, Her Majesty's Inspector, visited Ernulf for his first monitoring visit. Schools that are judged to 'require improvement' are allocated an inspector to support the school to achieve a good grading in the next inspection. This support takes a number of forms, including visiting the school to offer advice on how to further improve. This visit took place just 28 school days after the publication of the inspection report, and as such a very short period of time had elapsed, this allowed for limited actions to be taken and impact seen.

Mr Bristow visited the subjects identified in our December inspection as needing the most improvement – namely Modern Foreign Languages, Science and Maths. This clearly meant that many of the other areas where improvement has been continued were not recognised. For example, in English, we received in January the results of the examinations that students took in November and we are very pleased that the results were as good as last year – demonstrating a sustained improvement in this key area. Indeed, overall our forecasts for this coming year are that the GCSE results and A Level results will be better than last year.

Mr Bristow's report of this visit has now been published and can be accessed from our website. Due to the very narrow focus, the visit was very challenging and reinforced that there is work the Academy needs to do to improve these areas. We accept that we need to accelerate our plans, however the limited nature of the monitoring activities undertaken and the short period of time since the report was published, mean that this report has a very skewed view and does not congratulate the hard work of both students and staff, especially those in Year 11 and Sixth Form who are now entering the 'final furlong' of summer examination preparation.

Our core purpose "to achieve the best outcomes for every learner we have responsibility for" remains our focus. All of the staff at Ernulf, with the support and guidance of the Governing Body, continue to work hard for the students; with high levels of attendance and



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positive attitudes to learning, students will make impressive levels of progress in readiness for the next monitoring visit in the autumn term.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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