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Dear Parent/Carer

On the 5th November, Ernulf Academy was visited by Tim Bristow, Her Majesty's Inspector for Ofsted, to conduct a monitoring inspection after the previous inspection in December 2014. Mr Bristol summarised in a letter to the Acting Headteacher, Di Beddow, "Senior leaders and governors are taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection in order to become a good academy." The inspector reported that there were, "...marked improvements to the quality of teaching, learning and leadership and that the headteacher had, "raised the expectations of the whole academy community about the quality of education for pupils."

The learning environment was also noticeably different leading the inspector to report, " The governors, executive headteacher, other leaders, site staff and teachers have all played their part in contributing to the improvements being made."

Mr Bristow observed teaching in mathematics, modern foreign languages and science which he deemed, "much better than at the time of the last visit," and he noted that, "Senior and middle leaders work much more effectively as a team." He also recorded that parents were being involved more in their children's education and that in lessons, behaviour had, "much improved. In nearly all cases, pupils worked conscientiously and respectfully." He judged that the, "...presentation and the quality of the work in their books in the majority of subjects have improved."

The letter comes just days after a report from Tim Coulson, the Regional Schools Commissioner for the East of England and North East London, wrote to the Chair of Governors of the St Neots Learning Partnership, Karl Wainwright, saying that after his deputy's last visit to Ernulf, "Rosemary reported that there was no doubt that big strides have been made to ensure actions happen which impact on learning." Rosemary Prince spoke to pupils and she noted that they talked of, "...good relationships," and were, "...positive about the changes and about the greater emphasis on their achievement."

Mr Wainwright commented that he was, "Delighted that Ernulf had made such rapid and robust improvement. I want to thank the leadership, staff, governors and students for their hard work and enthusiasm in the journey towards the academy being rated, 'Good', by Ofsted." He announced that Mr Rick Carroll, the Chief Executive Officer of the St Neots Learning Partnership and the previous Head of Longsands Academy, would take over the role of Acting Headteacher at Ernulf when Ms Beddow left to resume both her educational consultancy and embark upon further study.

The full report is today available on the Ofsted website at www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports.

In our continuing journey towards 'Good' we look forward to meeting you on Wednesday or Thursday to discuss your child's progress during the Academic Planning reviews.

Yours sincerely



Ms Di Beddow
Acting Headteacher



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