

The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Report for The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form

We are delighted to share a copy of the Ofsted report with you, following our inspection on 23rd and 24th April 2025. We are exceptionally proud of South Wolds and are thrilled that the hard work of the whole school community has been recognised in this report. The inspection framework Ofsted uses at present has a significant focus on the quality of education and curriculum and we are elated that the hard work of staff and students is at the forefront. Our 'culture of aspiration' and 'ambitious curriculum' are of note and we pride ourselves on these key areas. Our values 'Be kind, Work hard, Aspire' are always reflected in everything we do.

We are sure you will join us in celebrating our sixth form which has received an 'outstanding' grading: the report reflects the 'impressive appetite for learning' that our students display. The inspection team described the atmosphere as like a 'family' and we are so proud that this has been recognised as 'exceptional'. We recently opened a bespoke sixth form teaching block and alongside strong examination outcomes, (for example, year on year we achieve 100% pass rate), we are passionate about delivering the best for all of our students. We get the balance absolutely right between strong academic outcomes and 'excellent personal development'.

We wanted to thank you for your continued support for The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form. The strong partnership we enjoy between home and school is vital to our shared success. We are fully aware of the responsibilities we have to the students in our care and are determined to build on the strong foundations you provide as "co-educators". On our part we will continue to give every child access to the best teaching and experiences inside and outside of the classroom. Additionally, we are continuing the further development of our site and buildings over the next few months as we continue to update the school and we look forward to sharing these projects with you.

Please remember that if you ever want to visit the school during the day and learn more about us then please do contact main reception and they will arrange an appointment for one of the senior leadership team to show you around. We know that you will be impressed.

Yours sincerely

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