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The South Wolds
Academy
and Sixth Form

## Dear Parent/Carer

We are delighted to enclose a copy of the Ofsted report following our inspection on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and hope that you enjoy reading it. 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. Ofsted introduced a new inspection framework in September 2019 which has placed far greater emphasis on the quality of education and the school's curriculum and to achieve a great report in light of these changes is very pleasing. With further great results in the summer of 2019 and being well placed in The Times' Top 20 Schools in the East Midlands recently, we are certainly feeling very proud of the school!

In 2011 the school was judged as good with outstanding features and this report, following our routine Section 8 inspection, confirms that we have continued to improve since then. The inspectors rightly highlight: the high expectations we have of our students and our culture of 'high ambition', as well as the pride the students have in the school; the passion and determination of school leaders in demanding these high standards and of the sixth form as 'strong ambassadors' for the school. The lead inspector was very impressed by the positivity of all of the students he encountered, commenting on how high the student response was to the questionnaire they were given.

Thank you also 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 poised to begin further development of the buildings and internal areas over the next few months, as we continue to update the school, refurbishing where and when we can and we look forward to sharing these projects with you over the coming months.

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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