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Dear Parents

Re: School ISI Inspection Report

As you will be aware, an inspection team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate spent several days at Coopersale Hall in March 2025 scrutinising all aspects of the education we provide. With a day's notice, this type of inspection provides a useful evaluation of our provision as it reports on current practice without the ability to put in any special preparation. This means that we were inspected through a snapshot of the school as it normally is, as seen by a team of experienced professionals.

We have now received the final report and we are pleased to be able to share it with you.

This was the first time we have been inspected under the Independent Schools Inspectorate's new framework, which now focusses on descriptive commentary rather than overall judgments. There are five main areas that were inspected, which include scrutiny of compliance with the hundreds of Independent School Standards Regulations (ISSRs).

The five areas are:

- Leadership and management, and governance
- Quality of education, training and recreation
- Pupils' physical and mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Pupils' social and economic education and contribution to society
- Safeguarding

We are delighted to report that we met every one of the Standards and Regulations. No further action is required.

As there are no longer any judgments in this new inspection framework, the inspectors' comments are key to understanding where the school is currently at. We are delighted at the huge number of positive comments and the full compliance. Some of the comments that are particularly worth noting are as follows:

- Children in the Early Years develop independence and resilience through interactive play and social collaboration.
- Leaders consistently promote pupils' wellbeing, ensuring policies are effectively implemented and reviewed.
- Safeguarding procedures are robust and suitable. Pupils learn how to stay safe online and in the wider world.
- The school promotes a culture of continuous development. Leaders actively analyse assessment data, feedback from parents and pupils, and the outcomes of risk assessment.
- The curriculum is broad and balanced, and enables progression in knowledge, skills and understanding.
- Pupils are confident, curious and make good progress, supported by feedback from teachers which enables them to reflect on their work.
- Teaching is effective, with lessons planned to meet the diverse needs of pupils.
- Teachers make effective use of typically engaging activities, ensuring accessibility for all learners.
- Early identification of needs, adaptation of planning and use of external advisors ensure that pupils who have SEND receive effective provision to enable good progress from their starting points.
- Pupils behave respectfully towards their peers and staff.

In addition to the standard inspection, the inspection team also considered our material change request to increase the age range to 16 years and also the number of pupils in the school in order to provide a full senior education with the new building up to Year 11. We are delighted that the inspectors have recommended the request to be approved by the Department for Education.

This achievement represents a great deal of hard work and consistent attention to detail by the whole of our team, and our thanks go in particular to the fantastic pupils and staff we are so fortunate to have at Coopersale Hall. The report refers to the positive contribution our pupils make to the school community, as well as their respect for others, and these were clearly evident throughout the inspection. Thank you too for your extremely positive feedback in the questionnaires, which set the scene for the inspectors on the eve of their first day with us.

We continue to strive for the best education possible for our pupils and we plan to incorporate elements of this report when planning for the future and developing our provision.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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