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Dear Parents/Carers

The school's inspectorate Ofsted regulates the care and services provided for young people in schools. Through their monitoring they ensure that a high level of education and skills are available to all learners.

Inspectors visited our school in May 2018. The school had changed significantly since the previous inspection; we are now an All-Through School and results have improved for all students.

We were delighted that the inspectors quickly saw the incredible quality of the education provided and the fact that students, parents and staff feel so very much part of the community. They commented on numerous occasions about the fact that there was a strong sense of purpose and a clear set of moral values. That at Simon Balle the very highest standards of education are achieved alongside promoting a deep sense individual value and wholeness.

This then is why the school (from Reception to Year 13) was awarded the very top category of "Outstanding".

Sincere thanks go to everyone who plays a part in the life of Simon Balle School, but especially the staff and students whose excellence and hard work are acknowledged in this report. Please note just how many highly positive comments Ofsted received!

We would also like to thank you, the parents, whose support is crucial in ensuring our young people develop into well qualified, happy and responsible citizens by the time they leave our school.

Obviously we are aware that we want to maintain and even improve upon these extremely high standards; consequently, we want to take a brief moment to delight in the recognition by Ofsted of the quality of the education we provide for our young people, but then we want to crack on with things as normal.

So, we hope you can find time to enjoy reading the report and celebrate with us the Outstanding judgement!

If you are aware of any parents who do not directly receive communications from us please let them know that the report is on the school website.

Yours sincerely

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