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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Ofsted Inspection

I am really pleased to reveal the result of the Ofsted inspection following a visit to the academy earlier this month.

The academy retains its “good” status awarded in March 2013, after the short inspection. This is a team result: an accolade for students, staff and everybody connected with The Vale Academy, including parents/carers and the significant contributions made supporting and encouraging your child’s/children’s progress. Thank you on behalf of the academy.

The inspector’s full letter is published on the academy website (it can be found in both the ‘about’ and ‘statutory information’ sections) and can also be viewed at <https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

It says, in the time since our last inspection in March 2013, student outcomes have improved.

The inspectors spoke to our young people who said that they feel safe at school and know who to go to should they have any concerns.

The curriculum is broad and balanced and meets the needs of all learners, including disadvantaged students and those who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities.

Attendance is consistently above the national average and students take pride in their work.

“Their relationships with teachers are strong and encourage a positive learning environment in the lessons,” inspectors say.

There was praise for our teaching team and the academy’s leadership and it confirms my belief we are going from strength to strength. But we are not complacent and I lead a team determined to continue our improvement journey.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Williams'.

Mrs Nicola Williams
Principal