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Dear all

I hope you are safe and well and managing the challenges that COVID continue to pose us all.

I am writing to share with you the final report from our latest Ofsted inspection. This was our first inspection under our current status as a 4-16 school and I am pleased to say that, despite all the challenges of the recent (and on-going!) pandemic, Ofsted have judged that we continue to provide a good standard of education across all their areas of focus.

Overall effectiveness	Good
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The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Good
Personal development	Good
Leadership and management	Good
Early years provision	Good
Previous inspection grade	Good

I am very pleased with all the positive comments made by the inspection team regarding the high quality of the teaching our pupils and students receive during their time at The Calder Learning Trust. *"The curriculum is ambitious and well sequenced, and allows pupils to know and remember more."*

I would like to thank all of you who contacted the inspection team during their time with us and this contributed to the body of evidence used to inform their judgements. The link between school and home is a particular strength of the school: *"Parents talk very positively about the way the school interacts with them, and the quality of information that they receive about their child's progress."*

The three areas for improvement are already being addressed by leaders across the Trust and now governors are able to visit the school in person, they can continue the strong supportive job they have always done.

I have attached a copy of the report and it is also available on the school and Ofsted websites.

I mentioned the 'challenges that COVID continues to pose' and I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding whilst we are again suffering unprecedented staff absence due to a resurgence in COVID cases amongst staff in both phases. This current phase seems only to be impacting on staff, with rates amongst pupils and students continuing to be very low. I hope that the Easter break provides the 'firebreak' needed to stop the current rates of transmission.

'Everybody, Everyday'



Finally, many of you will be aware of the trouble we have had with the refurbishment of our tennis courts and small astro-turf pitch. Unfortunately, the contractors did not return after the Christmas holidays and have subsequently gone into administration. We have been working with the insolvency team who have outlined the circumstances and the reality is that we will not receive any of the monies we have already paid out. We are currently in negotiations with the manufacturers of the new Multi-Use surface over the costs to complete the works.


Thank you to all those parents that have been in touch offering support and signposting us to those who might be able to help and I hope to have news in the new term of how and when we can complete the refurbishment of this much needed facility for pupils and students in both phases.

Take care and stay safe.



Anthony Guise

Headteacher
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Jean Bradbury

Chair of Governors