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Dear Parents and Carers

Now we are in the summer term I am writing to update you on the work that has taken place in the school to secure a good education for all our students and fill you in on the academy's position regarding Ofsted.

In February 2021 we had a 'remote monitoring inspection', where Ofsted looked at the changes we implemented following the last full inspection in November 2019. The inspectors reported:

- Following the last inspection, leaders have been ambitious and acted decisively, they have been outward looking.
- Leaders prioritised astutely, broadening and strengthening the curriculum, with strong use of external support to improve the curriculum.
- The leadership of subjects and curriculum planning are a strength.
- All leaders have taken effective action to provide support for vulnerable pupils.
- Reading has been sensibly prioritised. There is a range of strategies to accelerate pupils' ability in reading, including daily whole class reading lessons. There are interventions for those who need to catch up.
- The SENCo is well-trained and knowledgeable. Consequently, these pupils are being offered an appropriate provision to meet their needs.

A copy of the letter can be found by clicking the link: [Ofsted BMA Feb 2021](#)

We currently have no official Ofsted rating as we joined the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership in September 2021, where we effectively became a new school. We are now well overdue for a new inspection as it is unusual for a school (and its community) to have to wait this long for a graded inspection.

You will be aware that the academy achieved an extremely strong positive progress score in the most recent DfE Performance Tables, outperforming the vast majority of other Somerset schools.

I am hugely proud of our academy community and cannot wait to show off the academy and your children to inspectors when they arrive and I am confident that we will meet the criteria as a good or better school. Thank you for working with us to ensure that Buckler's Mead Academy is 'simply the best'.

My fingers are firmly crossed that we will be visited by inspectors in the near future. In the meantime we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure the children and young people who attend our academy continue to get the best education. After all, more important than any Ofsted grading are children that come to school happy and able to succeed in a caring environment. I hope you agree with me that Buckler's Mead is just that.

Headteacher: Mr M Lawrence BSc Hons.

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Please join me in wishing our Year 11 students 'good luck' for their forthcoming exams. We are currently working with them to ensure they are exam-ready and in school full time over the exam period so they can take full advantage of the knowledge and skills of our teachers. They have been thoroughly impressive in their approach, attending Period 6 diligently, coming into the academy over the Easter break to do additional revision, showing their best in every lesson, and participating with energy in the extra revision interventions they have been provided with. They are a group of mature, intelligent young people we can all be proud of.

As ever, thank you all for your ongoing support as the academy goes from strength to strength. I hope you enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Lawrence', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

MR M LAWRENCE
Headteacher