

6th September, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: Ofsted Report**

I am delighted to enclose the Ofsted report from our inspection at the beginning of July. As you will see Ridgewood is now rated as Good in every single category. I am incredibly pleased that Ofsted has recognised that Ridgewood staff and students have worked hard together to make the school an environment where our students can thrive both personally and academically. Over the last few years, we have known that our provision had improved significantly and had been waiting for an Ofsted visit to give us that official 'Good' verdict. It felt, at times, like a very long wait!

The report states clearly that we have 'high expectations' for what we want our students to achieve and that we are 'ambitious' in our planning for them. Whilst we are all very happy with our new grading, we are determined to continue in our journey of improvement and still have lots more ambitious plans in the pipeline. We will always 'strive to provide the best for our pupils' which was recognised by the inspection team.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for all your support over the recent years. The way you have worked with staff in school has played a significant part in helping us get the Ofsted report that the Ridgewood community deserves.

Yours faithfully,

**Mrs Rae Cope** 

Headteacher

Ridgewood High School