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Dear Families,

Following our full graded Ofsted inspection in May 2026, I am delighted to share that inspectors have judged Yate Academy to be operating at a Strong Standard across Inclusion, Curriculum and Teaching, Achievement, Leadership and Governance, and Personal Development and Wellbeing. Attendance and Behaviour, alongside Post-16 Provision, were judged to meet the Expected Standard, and safeguarding was found to be fully effective.

This is an incredibly positive outcome for our school community and reflects the significant progress we have made together as a community. Most importantly, it recognises what we see every day at Yate Academy: a school where pupils feel safe, valued and supported to succeed. Key highlights from the report are listed below:

Inclusion

Inclusion is central to our work at Yate Academy. Inspectors recognised our determination to ensure every pupil can succeed, regardless of background or circumstance. Particular praise was given to the support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities, children in care, and those who require additional social and emotional support.

Curriculum and Teaching

The curriculum and quality of teaching were praised for being highly ambitious and carefully planned. Inspectors highlighted the strength of teachers' subject knowledge, the clarity of their explanations, and the way staff check understanding effectively.

Achievement

Inspectors recognised achievement as a significant strength and that our pupils achieve very well throughout their time at Yate Academy. Outcomes at the end of Year 11 are strong, with disadvantaged pupils achieving particularly highly. Pupils build deep and secure knowledge across the curriculum, and those who join us with gaps in their learning are well supported to make strong progress. As a result, pupils are well prepared for their next steps in education, training and employment.

Personal Development

Our personal development programme was commended for helping pupils build confidence, resilience and respect for others. Through this, pupils learn how to stay safe, form positive relationships, and understand diversity, fairness and respect.

Leadership and Governance

Inspectors recognised strong leadership and governance across the school. They praised the clear focus on continuous improvement, the careful evaluation of the school's work, and the high-quality professional development provided for staff.

Culture and Ethos

The report also reflects the positive culture across Yate Academy. Inspectors noted that pupils enjoy coming to school, feel safe and valued, and show high standards of behaviour, courtesy and respect. Behaviour in lessons and around the school was described as consistently very positive.

I am incredibly proud of this report and what it represents for our school community. I am even prouder of the students and staff at the school for the leadership, resilience and citizenship that they demonstrate day in and day out. The report reflects the hard work, ambition and care shown every day by our staff and pupils, supported strongly by our families and the wider community. We will continue to build on this success and remain firmly focused on providing the very best opportunities for every young person at Yate Academy.

I attach a copy of the full report, you can also find this on our website and this will be published by the department for education next week.

Yours sincerely,



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