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Dear Parent/Carer

I am absolutely delighted to be able to write and tell you that we had another 'Good' judgement from Ofsted when they visited us at the very end of last half term. This time the visit was for science and the inspector was the chief subject inspector for Ofsted – a man who has visited many schools and really knows his stuff. That made his judgement that we are 'good' even more satisfying.

The inspector saw every science teacher in the classroom and lessons with most year groups throughout the school. He looked at results in science over time and progress in lessons currently. He talked to children about how much they enjoy science and how they feel about school.

The whole letter is available to read on the Bournville website or on the Ofsted website. However I have picked out a couple of paragraphs to give you a flavour of the full report.

- Students of all backgrounds and groups are making good progress in all the science examination courses provided by the school, and in Key Stage 3. They learn well in lessons, enjoying the many opportunities they have to develop their understanding of science concepts through practical investigations. Older students in particular are relishing their increasing grasp of scientific theory.
- The best teaching sets challenging tasks to students of all abilities, with minimum teacher direction and maximum opportunities for independent learning; supporting instruction and advice is of course available if students want it. As a result, students learn through peer discussion, experiment, and personal research and this then leads to students asking their own questions. In turn this ensures that students find science both interesting and relevant.

I am sure you will agree this is an excellent outcome for our school; we are justifiably proud of it.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

