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Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Inspection 31st January – 1st February 2017

We have now received the final report from Ofsted following our inspection on 31st January and 1st February 2017. The full report will be published on the Ofsted website from 30th March 2017 and is available to download from our website.

The grades that can be awarded are

- Outstanding (1)
- Good (2)
- Requires Improvement (3)
- or Inadequate (4)

Previously, in February 2015, the school was inspected under the old inspection framework and was judged to be Requires Improvement (3).

Our recent inspection was carried out under a new more rigorous inspection framework introduced in August 2016.

The school has been judged as Good (2) for Overall Effectiveness:

- **Good - Leadership and Management**
- **Good - Pupil Progress**
- **Good - Teaching, Learning and Assessment**
- **Good - Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare**
- **Good - 16 – 19 provision**

I am delighted that our latest Ofsted inspection has confirmed that Etone College continues to make outstanding progress. The school, placed in Special Measures in 2013, has improved rapidly over the last three years since joining The Matrix Academy Trust and is now rated as “Good” in all five categories against the new Ofsted inspection framework.

Ofsted have recognised the progress that has been made at Etone College since the last inspection in February 2015. Staff and pupils have worked incredibly hard and this is just rewards for their efforts. The inspection team were extremely complimentary about pupil conduct and the standard of their work as well as the enthusiasm and professionalism shown by staff.

Our aim is to consolidate and then build upon our latest success so that Etone College continues to move from strength to strength and is recognised and regarded as one of the best educational providers in the region.

Our 2016 Progress 8 score of +0.37, is above average performance for secondary schools in the UK. **This statistic places Etone College in the top 14% of schools in the country for pupil progress – this is something that we are extremely proud of!**

Ofsted inspected the school and judged that:

- The school is well led. Leadership actions are sharply focused and have brought rapid improvements since the last inspection
- All groups of pupils make good progress from their starting points
- The most able pupils, those who have special educational needs and those who are disadvantaged, make at least good progress and some make accelerated progress
- The school provides many opportunities, through the curriculum and other activities, for the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
- Pupils' conduct in lessons and around the school is good
- Provision for 16-19 students is good and improving further
- Teachers have good relationships with pupils and the atmosphere in classrooms is overwhelmingly positive
- Teachers have a genuine enthusiasm for what they teach
- Pupils feel safe in school and express a high level of confidence in the ability of teachers to protect and support them
- Pupils are well prepared for life in modern Britain

Our only target to improve further was “to spread the most effective practice across all subject areas”. This is a target which is usually reserved for Outstanding schools.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the dedication of staff and governors, the hard work of pupils and the support of parents and carers in working together to achieve this result as we continue to raise aspirations and attainment ensuring progress for all.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher