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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Ofsted

We have now received our Ofsted report following the inspection which took place in April 2017; a link to it is available on our website www.downhammarketacademy.co.uk

Although we are disappointed that the overall grading is 'inadequate', the academy is already making rapid progress with our improvement plan and we are encouraged by Ofsted's recognition of a number of strengths, most notably their positive judgement of the sixth form, safeguarding and pastoral support.

However, we accept the report in full and agree that significant improvement is required.

Following on from our recent newsletter, I am very pleased to advise that discussions regarding the re-brokering process for Downham Market Academy are moving on rapidly.

The Trust is now in an advanced stage of discussions with the Department for Education with a view to a new trust taking over the running of the school in September 2017, an agreement which will formally take effect from 1 January 2018.

We will work closely with the new trust, who will take over much of the operational leadership of the academy from September, to provide stability for pupils and staff during this intervening period.

There will therefore be further announcements in the near future concerning the governance and leadership of the academy.

Yours faithfully

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