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Dear Parents, Carers and Supporters of John Kyrle

Ofsted Inspection of John Kyrle High School and Sixth Form Centre, 14th March

As you are aware, we were visited recently by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors and an Ofsted inspector. They met with the senior team and me; met students in years 7-12, formally and informally; visited lessons; talked to pupils about reading and the books they enjoy; scrutinised our safeguarding and self-evaluation documentation and had a formal meeting with the school's trustees (governors). In addition, they considered 100 responses to Parent View – my thanks to everybody who completed this and those of you who contacted the inspection team directly. There were also over 100 staff responses to the online inspection questionnaire which were reviewed.

I am delighted to report that, once again, Ofsted inspectors are very positive about the work we do at the school, and, in particular, our pupils and staff. This inspection, which is one of the new 'short' inspections undertaken by Ofsted, has endorsed the findings of our 2012 inspection. The school remains *Good* overall with *Outstanding* Leadership and Management, Pupil Behaviour and Safeguarding, and Sixth Form.

The feedback letter I received following the visit is available via the school website and will shortly also be published on the Ofsted website. Her Majesty's Inspector included the following points:

- *Pupils are well behaved, polite and friendly.*
- *Because of excellent attitudes to learning and strong academic results, pupils are well prepared for life after school.*
- *Parents value the education that the school provides.*
- *Parents and students particularly value the school's high-performing sixth form.*
- *Staff are proud to work at the school.*
- *They have high expectations of pupils and they consistently model respectful behaviour. Consequently, relationships are strong.*

As in all inspections, there was considerable focus upon safeguarding. Inspectors noted that keeping pupils safe is our top priority. They confirm all staff are well trained and safeguarding arrangements and systems are effective and well understood. "Leadership of this area is meticulous."

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The next steps recommended for the school are around improving further teaching in modern foreign languages and the attendance of disadvantaged pupils. In terms of MFL, inspectors noted the improving picture brought about by new leadership and that pupils are now making better progress.

Inspectors commended strong leadership and an effective Board of Trustees. It was noted that I am never complacent and determined that the school should continue to improve (which I hope doesn't come as a shock to anyone!)

My favourite comment in the whole of the letter is: "You are successful in your aim to develop young people who are 'happy, healthy and successful.'"

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Griffiths', with a horizontal flourish underneath.

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