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Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that we have now published and made available on our website the report from our recent ISI inspection, conducted 27-28 September. A link is embedded [here](#).

The ISI Regulatory Compliance Inspection focuses solely on the School's compliance with the eight Independent School Standards. The wording of the report follows a prescribed format and does not contain any qualitative comments or description of the School's provision. The more in-depth inspection of the School (the Educational Quality Inspection) should follow in the next inspection cycle.

Fielding an inspection in the first few weeks of one's tenure as Head might seem like a challenge, but it was in fact a highly useful way of conducting a thorough review. It is fantastic to have had so much of our excellent practice highlighted as well as having had an appraisal of the areas for development.

I am delighted that we met the standards required for: The Quality of Education Provided; Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural Development of Pupils; Welfare (including the promotion of good behaviour and the prevention of bullying); Health and Safety of Pupils; Suitability of Staff; Premises; and Provision of Information.

During ISI's visit they identified areas for improvement which are in relation to an historical inaccuracy in a staff recruitment check as well as the record keeping and processing of safeguarding concerns and complaints. At the end of the inspection the ISI provided verbal feedback, recognising that procedures are already in place to ensure our compliance going forward is guaranteed. We therefore look forward to an imminent re-inspection to confirm this.

The ISI team was hugely complementary of our School, our pupils and the work that we do here. May I take this opportunity to thank all those of you who completed the parent questionnaire; your comments and support were greatly appreciated and it was so encouraging to see the overwhelmingly positive results of both the pupil and parent questionnaires. It was fantastic to receive this feedback via the inspectors, underpinning our endeavour to educate the whole child, finding their strengths, developing their talents and personalities and providing the foundations of being the best that they can be.

Derby Grammar School is well set for the future.

Yours faithfully,



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