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Dear Parents

### Re: December School Inspection

Following the Independent Schools Inspectorate's inspection of Oaklands at the end of the Autumn Term, we are delighted to be able to share the team's findings with you officially now that the final report has been published. You will find a copy attached to this email and it is also downloadable from our website.

As you will be aware, this was a 'Regulatory Compliance' inspection that comments purely on our compliance with the Independent School Standards Regulations (ISSRs). These will be repeated at two to three yearly intervals in all independent schools and conducted by a smaller Compliance Team. The full 'Educational Quality Inspections' are anticipated to take place at five to six yearly intervals.

There are more than 500 regulations with which the school must comply and the inspectors look at all of them. There are eight categories that are examined, which are:

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| 1. Quality of education provided                      | 5. Premises of and accommodation at schools           |
| 2. Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development  | 6. Provision of information                           |
| 3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils               | 7. Manner in which complaints are handled             |
| 4. Suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors | 8. Quality of leadership in and management of schools |

With Regulatory Compliance inspections, each main category is graded as either 'met' or 'not met'. Each of the individual regulations in each category must comply to receive an overall 'met' for that area. **We are delighted to report that we were fully compliant and that every one of the 500 or so regulations was met.** No further action is required as a result of this inspection.

With just over a day's notice, this type of inspection provides us with a useful evaluation of our provision as it reports on current practice without the ability to put in any special preparation. This means that we were inspected through a snapshot of the school as it normally is, as seen by a team of independent and highly experienced professionals.

As there are no judgments from the inspectors in Regulatory Compliance reports, in many ways our report is a little dull! However, 100% compliance is unusual in our sector and this achievement represents a great deal of hard work and attention to detail by the whole of our team, and our thanks go to our hard working and excellent staff who clearly impressed these experienced inspectors. Thank you also to all of you who responded so positively to the pre-inspection questionnaires, and to the pupils themselves who demonstrated just how proud they are of their school.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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