

26th November 2021

Dear students and parents

In my last email to you all this Wednesday, I took the opportunity to wish everyone a restful Christmas in case I had no other reason to write before the end of term. Well, clearly I spoke too soon! This morning we received our Ofsted phone call and next week Collyer's will have a full inspection from Tuesday 30th November to Friday 3rd December. As you will know, schools and colleges that have been Ofsted 'Outstanding' for a long period of time will all be inspected in the coming months on a planned basis.

We're looking forward to welcoming the inspection team and are very proud of everything that our students and staff achieve here at the college. Whilst their focus will be on the here and now, I will take the opportunity of sharing with inspectors how incredibly resourceful and resilient all our community have been in the face of the many challenges brought by Covid. It is good timing to have an inspection, with the college fully open since September and having settled back into a more normal way of working.

I should make clear that our INSET Day on Tuesday 30th November will still be going ahead so no students need to be onsite. Ofsted are kindly working around our arrangements and will start meeting with staff in between the training sessions, then of course seeing a range of students onsite and talking with them from Wednesday to Friday. Finally – we will be circulating a link to the usual Ofsted survey next week and I would be grateful if you could take the time to respond.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Kind regards

Dan Lodge

Principal