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6th February 2023

Dear parents/carers,

Ofsted Report for Bolton University Collegiate School

As you may be aware, our school was inspected by Ofsted in December 2022. Ofsted's report has now been published and the overall judgement of this inspection is "inadequate". The full report is attached to this email.

We are sorry for the failures which Ofsted has identified and we know the content of the report will undoubtedly raise concerns. We would like to reassure you that the board of directors has taken swift and decisive steps already to address the areas for improvement recommended by Ofsted.

The local governing body's oversight and powers have been suspended. A new interim head of school has been appointed as has a new vice principal.

A safeguarding expert has been working at the school over the past couple of weeks, with a number of changes being instituted to the school's procedures. The UCS' website now includes updated information about safeguarding.

We have introduced an interim executive board chaired by the former principal of an Ofsted 'outstanding' school. This board also comprises educational experts in a range of relevant fields. It will assume full responsibility for the improvement of the school and will report to the Department for Education, as well as the main trust board.

We would also like to reassure parents and carers that all students and staff are safe when they are with us. In January, the local authority conducted a full safeguarding audit and confirmed the improvements made.

Our staff work tirelessly every day to ensure students are adequately supervised at all times when they are at school. Should you or your child have any concerns about safeguarding, please email ucssafeguarding@questtrust.org.uk . If the report raises anything you want to discuss, please email d.terry@questtrust.org.uk.



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Every aspect of our school will be reviewed as part of our ongoing drive to improve, but there will be a particular focus to ensure there is the right climate for learning at Bolton UCS.

Students will be aware of this already and this will continue for the foreseeable future, as we are committed to providing your children with the best possible outcomes. We will continue to make improvements and ask that you take the time to engage with our correspondence so you can help support this work at home.

Warm regards,

Crispin Pailing

Dr Crispin Pailing

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