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Ofsted visited the University Collegiate School towards the end of last year. The inspectors' report has now been published and the overall judgement of this inspection is "inadequate".

Since the Ofsted inspection, we have taken swift and decisive action to introduce a school improvement plan which will address every point raised by the inspectors.

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 immediate changes being instituted to the school's day-to-day procedures. The UCS' website now includes updated information about safeguarding. These changes will ensure that all concerns around safeguarding are correctly dealt with and followed up.

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.

In January, the local authority conducted a full safeguarding audit. Areas of development have been agreed and we have been working hard to achieve these. We will continue to make improvements and closely monitor the effectiveness of our safeguarding procedure.

With new leadership, governance, and procedures in place, we are confident that our school improvement plan will achieve the rapid and effective change necessary to ensure an environment where students and staff at Bolton University Collegiate School can prosper.

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