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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you that Bristol Free School (BFS) was recently inspected by Ofsted on **31 March 2026**. As required by law, I am sharing the final inspection report with you **prior to its official publication**.

The report recognises BFS as a **highly ambitious and inclusive school**, identifying many areas where the school meets a **strong standard**, with safeguarding judged to be **effective**. Inspectors highlighted the strength of pupils' achievement over time, exceptionally positive behaviour and attendance, the quality of personal development and wellbeing provision, and the strong leadership and governance that underpin the school's continued success. They also recognised the school's inclusive ethos and the commitment of staff to ensuring that all pupils, including disadvantaged pupils and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, are well supported and able to thrive.

Inspectors were particularly positive about pupils' attitudes to learning, the calm and respectful culture across the school, and the extensive opportunities provided beyond the classroom, including careers guidance and enrichment activities. The sixth form was praised for its ambitious curriculum and strong outcomes, with students achieving highly and progressing to aspirational destinations.

As with all inspections, the report also identifies **next steps** for further improvement. These focus on ensuring that classroom strategies consistently support disadvantaged pupils as effectively as possible, and on continuing to strengthen the school's reading provision. We already have work underway in both of these areas and will use the inspection findings to sharpen and enhance our ongoing improvement plans.

I would like to thank our pupils, staff, governors and trust colleagues for their commitment, professionalism and support during the inspection, and our parents and carers for your continued trust and partnership. The inspection team noted the strong sense of community at BFS, and this is something of which we can all be proud.

The report should be treated as **confidential** until Ofsted publishes it on their website. It will be available publicly shortly after publication.

If you have any questions about the inspection or the report, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S King
Headteacher