



Date: May 2026

Dear Mrs King,

Re: Ofsted Inspection Report – March 2026

I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to you, your staff, pupils, and the wider school community on the outcome of your recent Ofsted inspection. The report clearly reflects the ambition, inclusion and support that underpin the work at Bristol Free School, particularly referencing the interests of disadvantaged pupils.

The inspection highlights many strengths that are a credit to your leadership and the collective efforts of your team. It is pleasing to see that pupils benefit from consistent levels of teaching based on leaders detailed understanding of the quality of teaching across the school, highlighting post 16 as a particular area of strength. This is a testament to the strong relationships and positive culture you have cultivated.

The report also recognises the role governor's play, based on being well informed and having a clear understanding of their role. The report is also quick to highlight the extensive programme of professional development and that staff are proud to work at Bristol Free School.

In terms of areas for development, the report notes that teachers should continue to be consistent in the use of identified strategies and develop further the reading programme.

Please extend my thanks and congratulations to your leadership team, teachers, support staff, pupils, and families. Their collective contributions have clearly played a vital role in maintaining and building upon the school's strengths.

I look forward to seeing your journey to address the next steps identified in the report. Thank you for your hard work and dedication and I hope the Bristol Free School community continues to thrive.

Yours sincerely,

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