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Dear Parents and Carers

## Ofsted Inspection Report Card

I am pleased to announce that our Ofsted Inspection Report Card has now been published. This inspection report card confirms and validates the high standards achieved across the school. **There is much to celebrate here!** It also confirms that we are working in the right areas to improve education further for our students.

There is a lovely summary of our school at the start of the section about what it is like to be a pupil here:

**“Pupils achieve well, enjoy their learning and blossom at this welcoming school.”**

Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy was inspected on 2-3 December 2025. You may remember that we were one of the first schools in the country to be inspected under the new framework. Our report card indicates that we have reached the expected standard in all areas of the school, and that Attendance and Behaviour have exceeded these standards.

As Ofsted has explained, these grades cannot be compared directly with grades in the previous framework. The Expected Standard is a high standard, and the Strong Standard is a very high bar indeed. Ofsted has produced a short video to give more information about the new inspection framework. I recommend you watch this useful video.

<https://youtu.be/kbl0FvY976g>

Reading the report again, I am proud of our students, staff and governors. The report states that:

**“Pupils are confident, respectful and ambitious.”**  
**“Behaviour across the school is calm, orderly and respectful.**  
**Pupils are well presented, courteous and eager to learn...**  
**They have excellent relationships with teachers and their peers.”**  
**“Teachers are well trained and demonstrate secure subject knowledge.”**  
**“Leaders have embedded consistent routines and high expectations.”**  
**“Staff and parents report positively about the communication and support that they receive from the school.”**  
**“Governors provide highly effective oversight... They articulate a clear vision with a long-term plan, effectively supporting and challenging leaders”**

**Please take the time to read the full report**, so you can see the depth of analysis and observation. In particular, the report highlights the work we have done together to create



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a respectful school culture in which students can flourish personally and learn well in a supportive environment.

Further guidance on what the inspection report means can be found online: [Understanding Ofsted report cards and grades - GOV.UK](#)

Our report also sets out the next steps on which we are working to continue to improve our school. These include even better teaching for all students, continuing our focus on checking for understanding, and embedding the improvements in our sixth form. These are areas that we identified to our inspection team, and they have agreed that these are the right areas for improvement.

This report is being sent to all parents and carers, and we will put it on our website. It will be published on Ofsted's website from the middle of next week.

Thank you for your support during our inspection, and for continuing to work with us to improve the education we offer your children.

With all good wishes,

Yours faithfully

Dr Andrew Fowler  
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