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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to publish our latest Ofsted Letter. On Tuesday 17th January, we received a short inspection visit from Dr Simon Hughes, Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI). Short Inspections are designed for good schools to measure the impact of leadership on all areas and to make sure that safeguarding is robust. Unlike two day inspections, there are no grades for individual areas, but a detailed letter is published with findings.

We are pleased to say that Dr Simon Hughes was extremely complimentary about the school, with key strengths mentioned in both his verbal feedback and formal letter. He felt that our leadership, teaching, assessment and pupil behaviour matched or even exceeded outstanding schools that he had inspected. He recognised the significant body of work that teachers and leaders have done over many years to be clear about pupils' starting points at the beginning of Year 3 and then the strong progress they made across the school. Ofsted acknowledge that there were also technical difficulties that meant that pupil and staff surveys were lost. This was reflected in the low number of returns. However, Dr Hughes did spend extra time speaking with pupils and staff and was highly complimentary about the culture at Connaught.

Unfortunately, despite high achievement at the end of Year 6, our progress from the Year 2 teacher assessments is not as strong. This is because of the very high levels published by our Infant Schools. I would ask you to read his careful analysis of their results, as it was the one area that kept us from reaching an overall outstanding grade.

As a trust, we will be writing to the Department of Education and Ofsted with our views. As a parent of infant children myself, I would also like to be assured that there is a system that assesses and supports all schools and that national progress data is consistent at all key stages.

We are very proud of the achievements of our staff, governors, parents and most of all the pupils. Connaught is an exceptional school and one that it is our honour to lead.

Yours sincerely,



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