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Dear Parents/Carers

**Ofsted Inspection of Conisborough College on
Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January 2021**

I am writing to let you know that on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January, we will be welcoming Her Majesty's Inspectors, Brian Oppenheim and Lucy Bruce, to Conisborough College when they will complete a virtual Ofsted Section 8 Monitoring visit. Ofsted have made changes to their usual inspection framework to consider the current working arrangements for all schools.

This is an expected visit as by now we would have been visited and a full Section 5 inspection carried out had the pandemic not occurred. However, due to the national lockdowns this has not been possible. It does come eighteen months after our last Section 8 Inspection. A Section 8 Monitoring Visit will not change the grading. This new Section 8 format will assess the progress we are making on moving Conisborough College to be a better school and meeting the demands of offering a remote curriculum and learning to all our young people.

This is a great opportunity for Ofsted to see the changes and progress we are making. In reaching their judgements, Mr Oppenheim and Ms Bruce, will carry out a number of different online activities throughout the two days. These will include speaking to our students, spending time in the learning environment, looking at the engagement of our young people in their learning and the evidence of the progress they are making.

During the two days, the inspectors will also meet with staff and Governors of the school as well as officers from the Local Authority.

We will be emailing out to all the students later today with the link to a students' questionnaire we would like them to complete and send back to school by 8.30am on Thursday 28th January.

Parents have an opportunity to contribute to the inspector's findings. There is a link below to the Ofsted Parent View Questionnaire. If you should like to make a response, please click on this link and it will take you to the Ofsted website. You may need to register and when you do you will be asked for information which will confirm that you are a parent/carer of the school. Only listed parents/carers with children on roll at the school will be able to submit feedback.

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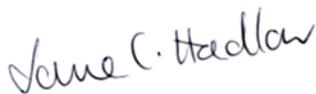
The inspectors have asked that this is returned electronically and completed by 4.30pm on Wednesday 27th January. The responses go direct to Ofsted and not the school.

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>

Please be aware that some teachers will be posting online work for their classes as they are involved in the meetings with the team of inspectors over the next two days. All students must check their SMH account as usual to see if there is a live lesson link or uploaded work from their usual teacher. This will affect a small number of lessons. We will be returning to our full online live curriculum offer from Friday 29th January. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Thank you very much for your continued support and we are looking forward to showcasing the improvements we have made across the school, as well as the full virtual curriculum offer, we are currently providing to all students on line. We will continue to work in partnership with you across the coming weeks and months to support your children in these challenging times. We look forward to the time when we can come out of the lock down and see the return to the school site of all our young people.

Yours faithfully



Mrs J Hadlow
Headteacher