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Dear Parent/Carer,

In December 2016, Bo'ness Academy was visited by HMIE to identify the progress made since the original inspection in October 2015. The attached letter highlights their findings.

I am very pleased that they have identified the significant progress we have made over the last year and have recognised that the substantial changes to our middle leadership structure and the introduction of Pastoral Heads has energised the school.

I am also delighted with the comments about your children. HMIE were keen to highlight the improvement in their classroom engagement and the respect that they showed towards each other, to their teachers and to other members of staff. We are extremely proud of our pupils, we regularly receive very positive comments from outside speakers and guests about the polite and respectful attitude exhibited by our young people.

Although there has not been sufficient time for the school to demonstrate continued improvement in our National Qualification results, we were delighted that they recognised the improvements that have been made by our S4 into S5 pupils.

As part of our School Improvement Plan we have focussed on enhancing the quality and consistency of learning and teaching across the school. This is ongoing and I am very confident that the work that has taken place so far is already having an impact.

Discussions took place with the inspectors around the S1-S3 curriculum structure and they are confident that the changes we are currently putting in place will ensure that all of our pupils will now be able to meet their entitlements to a Broad General Education. We are sure that introducing some element of choice in S2 & S3 will help to raise the attainment of our young people as they progress on to the Senior Phase.

As the Head Teacher, I would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of all of the staff within Bo'ness Academy who are working exceptionally hard to give your child the best education possible to prepare them for their next steps.

I continue to be excited about what we are putting in place for all of our pupils and I look forward to welcoming HMIE back towards the end of 2018 to demonstrate our continued progress and improvement.

Yours sincerely,

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