



12 November 2021

Dear Students, Parents and Carers

### **Re: Inspire Education Group highly praised by Ofsted**

I am pleased to share with you the results of our recent Ofsted monitoring visit, which took place earlier this term and identified '*significant progress*' across all areas of the College.

The report praises the efforts of our college leaders, highlighting '*significant progress*' in all areas, including maintaining high quality education and training during the ongoing pandemic, establishing an ambitious curriculum to meet the education and training needs of students, apprentices and college stakeholders, and the ongoing careers advice given to students to make informed decisions about their next steps.

The Ofsted monitoring visit was a short inspection which does not give an overall judgement. The visit took place to review and evaluate the progress we have made to establish a shared strategic direction since the merger between Peterborough College and Stamford College.

The full report can be viewed on our website from 12 November 2021, and I am pleased to summarise the key points as follows:

- Leaders and governors have worked tirelessly to achieve a successful merger during the pandemic ensuring that existing best practice is shared and implemented across both sites
- Leaders and managers carefully research, plan and implement their curriculum to meet the local and regional skills and training needs
- Staff across the college group understand and implement the college values of putting students and apprentices at the centre of everything they do
- Support for students and apprentices to help them to catch up on lost learning is highly effective
- Leaders have put in place a highly effective virtual learning platform. They have invested in technology that enables students and apprentices to continue to make good progress with their studies while studying remotely
- Teachers ensure that students and apprentices have extensive opportunities to make good use of the relevant information provided to inform their future careers
- Apprentices are clear about their career aspirations and know how to make these aspirations a reality
- Governors have an excellent awareness of the skills needs of the local communities in Peterborough, Lincolnshire and Cambridgeshire.





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Following the challenging times we have all faced, we are very proud to receive these judgements from Ofsted. We aim to transform lives through inspirational education and training – and it is pleasing to see our work is having a real impact across Stamford and Peterborough and the wider region. The report also highlights the continued significant improvements that have been made at Peterborough College over the last three years and is a testament to all the hard work and dedication of staff and students across the group.

We believe that it is an exciting time for us as we develop new curriculum across our further and higher education offer. We are particularly proud of our new partnership with the Open University who will be validating all programmes at University Centre Peterborough, starting September 2022.

Both colleges were already providing excellent opportunities for our students, and continuously improving standards in all areas, and I am delighted that everyone's hard work and effort during challenging times has been recognised by Ofsted inspectors.

The inspection report really reflects the high standards and expectations that drives our whole educational offer and the high-quality support we put in place to ensure that every student can achieve their very best.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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