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Dear parents, carers and pupils,

I write as Chair of the Board of Trustees for the school on behalf of the Board to note the Ofsted's report following their inspection of the school on 21 and 22 September 2021.

The Trustees are very pleased that Queen Elizabeth's Girls' School continues to be a good school. This outcome is a credit to the continued hard work of our Headteacher, Violet Walker, her senior leadership team and all the staff at the school. I would encourage you all to read Ofsted's report. The Trustees have read the report carefully and although the report does not identify any material areas in which the school might consider making changes, I can assure you that we constantly reflect upon the strategy to further strengthen the quality of our provision.

I am sure you share the gratitude that the Trustees have for the leadership team and all the staff at the school. This is particularly so given the timing of the inspection at the start of this academic year. We all know that the pandemic has impacted on us in collective and individual ways and continues to do so. Our pupils – your children - are still making real progress academically and their pastoral needs are met effectively at the school.

The report notes in particular the ambition and high expectations leaders and trustees have for all our pupils. The Trustees are particularly proud that the school delivers for all pupils and that there are no material gaps in attainment between groups whether by ethnic background or indicators of disadvantage. I note the reference in the report to ensuring pupils' self-confidence and resilience is built within and beyond the classroom. This chimes with our aim to educate women of the future equipped to face the challenges that future will inevitably bring and to embrace any opportunities.

The focus on preparation for the future sharpens in the sixth form and I am particularly pleased that our sixth-form students are so positive about their experiences in the nurturing and aspirational environment of the school. Several trustees attended the recent sixth-form open evening and we all found it humbling to hear directly from sixth-form pupils past and present. All the girls were eloquent and full of presence as they explained how enriching and encouraging their experiences were in sixth-form as they face the future.

I know that for many of our Y7 and Y8 pupils the transition from primary given the pandemic has been strange and likely unsettling. I am excited that all the girls are now back together as a supportive community in school. I am confident that all your girls will continue to take these uncertain times in their stride under the custodianship of our Headteacher and all our excellent teaching staff together with your support.

Yours faithfully

Rebecca Peer
Chair of the Board of Trustees