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Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: OFSTED Report**

The report from our recent OFSTED inspection is now available to read by following the link on the front page of the academy's website – [www.tnha.org.uk](http://www.tnha.org.uk). (If you would like a hard copy posted or for collection please email [office@tnha.org.uk](mailto:office@tnha.org.uk) or telephone 01760 726152).

Although the judgment is not what we wanted it to be, the report is fair and reflects the position the academy is in. Importantly, the report makes it clear that our own view of the current position of the school is accurate. The report also constantly mentions that the necessary actions and strategies, which were planned last academic year, are in place, but need time to take effect. The OFSTED team were confident that the 'green shoots' that they saw would continue to grow.

Julie Bloor, Chief Education Officer of the Academy Transformation Trust said, "While we are disappointed that the OFSTED grade for the Academy has moved from 'Good' to 'Requiring Improvement', we believe that this will be short lived, as the Academy is on track to make the necessary improvements. ATT recognises that the interim leadership is successfully fulfilling the objectives set for them by the trust. There is much that is positive within the report, including the work for sixth form students, the progress students are making in English and maths amongst other subjects, and the good teaching that is being shared by the strong middle leaders that exist within the Academy. The work of the committed team of governors, who give generously of their time to support the staff and students, is also identified. Few schools can go through such a turbulent time, including the dismissal of a Principal, without some impact and we remain committed to supporting the leadership team going forward to continue to drive the changes needed in their journey to Outstanding".

To keep you better informed about academy improvement plans, we will shortly publish a new 'Academy Improvement' page on the website. We will text you when this goes live. In the meantime, if you have concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the leadership team at the academy.

As ever, but even more so now, the staff and governors at The Nicholas Hamond Academy continue to be 'determined to be the best that we can be' and are committed to offering students a safe and positive experience of school.

Yours sincerely

**Martin Booth**  
Acting Principal

**Judy Anscombe**  
Chair of Governors

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