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22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

TO: ALL PARENTS

Dear Parent,

Please find attached a copy of our OFSTED report. May I thank all parents and students who contributed to the inspection survey.

The overall "Satisfactory" category for the School, while accurately reflecting our current progress, is only the first step of a journey that will take this School much further. The judgement that The Albany has a good capacity for sustained improvement is very positive and again accurately reflects the hard work that all staff have done over the last year to move the School forward. There are ten areas in which the school is judged to be good, in all others we are judged to be satisfactory. I am particularly pleased that the behaviour of the students is judged to be good. As further detailed in the report and the letter addressed to parents, there are both strengths and ways in which the School can be made even better.

By reading the attached report in its entirety, I hope you will then agree with me that the School now has a firm foundation on which to move forward. There will be a set of 'headlines' summarising the report on our website in the next few days.

We will be drawing up an action plan to reflect the inspection findings and recommendations and this will be incorporated into our School Development Plan which is produced for the start of each academic year. The success of the action plan is very much a partnership between parents, students and staff and I take this opportunity to thank you both for your support to date and in the near future so that we can continue to move forward to make The Albany an even better school for your children.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'P A Hasan-Richardson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

P A Hasan-Richardson  
Head Teacher

**This letter is provided for the school, parents and carers to share with their children. It describes Ofsted's main findings from the inspection of their school.**



5 March 2010

Dear Students

**Inspection of** The Albany, A Business and Enterprise College, Hornchurch, RM12 4AG

On behalf of the inspection team, I would like to thank you for your help during our recent inspection. You were friendly, polite and courteous. It was a pleasure to meet with you and talk to you in your lessons and around the school. We have taken your views into account in our judgement that The Albany is a satisfactory school.

Since the appointment of the new Head Teacher the school has been improving and this was particularly evident in the quality of teaching and learning we observed during the inspection.

We have asked the Head Teacher and staff at the school to do two further things to ensure that you all make the most progress you are capable of.

- Improve the rate of progress for students in English and mathematics so that by August 2010 65% of students in Year 11 gain five A\* to C GCSEs including English and mathematics by:
  - continuing to focus on planning lessons based on the prior learning of individual students
  - ensuring students utilise the guidance provided by individual marking and assessment
  - refine further the tracking and monitoring of the progress of individual and groups of students.
- Ensure that the most able students are challenged and extended so that there is an increase in the proportion of A\* and A grades achieved across all curriculum areas.

You are part of a school community that has great potential. It is important that you are always fully engaged in your lessons and that you take responsibility for your learning. The staff and governors of the school are fully committed to ensuring you achieve your full potential.

Yours sincerely

Thomas Gibson

Lead Inspector