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Dear Parents and Supporters,

Following the full Standard Inspection by the ISI, it gives me great pleasure to commend to you their final Report on the school. ISI Inspections are good for schools and help to clarify vision and direction further, and this one has been particularly productive and useful.

I am aware that the school, its pupils, parents, staff and governors have come a long way together over the past six years since the last inspection. The changes that the School has undergone, at quite a pace, would not have been possible without a will on everybody's part to recognise the importance for the school to evolve and develop and to look for further opportunities to become even stronger.

The inspection has identified that we are an extremely strong School with many outstanding educational features, all of which support our children across a wide range of educational experiences, inspiring in them the confidence to succeed.

I wrote to the Inspectors last week, thanking them for their work and particularly commenting on how reassuring it was that David Horn and his team 'understood' the spirit of Northbourne Park right from the start of the process.

The Inspection Report is an excellent reflection as to where we are now as a School and Mr Horn made particular comment as to how impressed he was by our unerringly child-focused approach.

The staff and I would also like to thank you for your wonderful support in this process. Mr Horn mentioned that he had very rarely read such unanimously positive comments in the parents' questionnaires. This endorsement of all that we do here is greatly appreciated by all of the staff. Thank you for your part in this.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Edward Balfour
Headmaster.

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Dear Parents and Supporters,

As Chairman of the Governing Body, I am naturally delighted that the School should have received the positive endorsement of our work contained in the enclosed Inspection Report.

The Governing Body has met to discuss the Report and I can say on behalf of all the Governors that we are particularly pleased that the Inspectors were able to comment so strongly about the School and in particular the personal development opportunities which it offers to our pupils. In a phrase which has come to be used in many spheres of life, these personal development opportunities represent the "added value" which Northbourne Park seeks to offer to its pupils and their families.

I naturally wish to join the Headmaster in thanking all the staff whose hard work has contributed to such an excellent report and which, even more importantly, continues to make the School the place that it is.

It almost goes without saying - but must be said - that considerable credit has to be given to Edward Balfour for the drive and determination he has shown during his first two and a half years in the School. In the run-up to the Inspection he spent a great deal of "out of hours" time in planning for it. His commitment and that of all the staff has paid handsome dividends. The report provides a platform on which we can build for the future.

Thank you for your continuing support for Northbourne Park.

I hope to be able to talk to some of you at forthcoming School events and activities.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Wright CBE DL
Professor (Emeritus)

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