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**Sir Michael Wilshaw**  
Her Majesty's Chief Inspector

Dear Ms Kingswood

### **Granville Sports College**

I am writing following your last section 5 inspection. Although your college was judged to require improvement overall, I note that the leadership and management of the college were judged to be good.

I am pleased to read that you have identified and acted on the college's priorities for improvement. The inspection report praises your determination to drive up standards and raise expectations for staff and students. I am pleased to read that staff have responded positively to this renewed sense of urgency and support the improvements you are making. As a result, the quality of teaching is improving and student achievement is rising.

You have established clear non-negotiables for pupils' behaviour. It is encouraging to read of their mature and caring approach towards each other, and of how much they value the support of their teachers and house leaders.

It is also good to note that you have ensured training for teachers focuses closely on what they need to do to improve their practice, and set sharper targets for their development. Teachers now have more opportunities to learn from each other and develop their classroom skills. Those experiencing difficulties have benefited from the intensive support you have put in place.

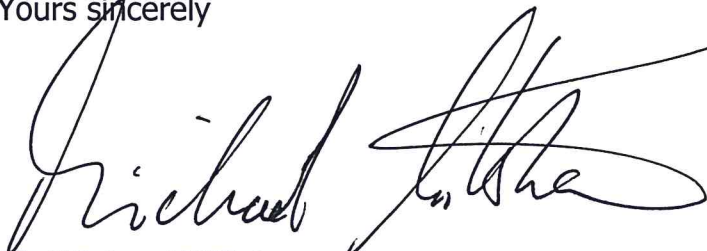
These measures are helping to raise the overall quality of teaching. Inspectors noted that most teachers now think carefully about how they will challenge the most-able pupils in particular, and use questioning well to probe pupils' understanding. There is more to do to ensure that all pupils make good progress and reach standards that are at least in line with national averages, especially in mathematics.

As you know, the next full inspection of the college will take place in around two years. I offer you my support and encouragement as you do all you can to ensure that the young people in your college get the good education they deserve.

I have asked Christopher Russell HMI, Regional Director, East Midlands, and his Senior HMI to be available should you wish to discuss your progress. You can contact them through Christopher's Personal Assistant, Helen Carter, at [helen.carter@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:helen.carter@ofsted.gov.uk).

Your ambition and strong leadership will be crucial to Granville Sports College making the necessary journey from requires improvement to good. I wish you well for the future and look forward to writing again to congratulate you and the college on further progress.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Wilshaw", written in a cursive style.

**Sir Michael Wilshaw**