

Tuesday, 1st April 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

## RE: Outcome of Ofsted Inspection at BOA Digital Technologies Academy

As you will be aware, BOA Digital Technologies Academy was inspected by Ofsted on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025. We have now received the final report and we are writing to share the outcome with you.

This was the first inspection of the academy since it opened in September 2022. It is important to note that as recently as September 2024, Ofsted have removed 'one word judgements' in favour of a report card of measures that highlight the strengths and areas to improve in five key areas: Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management, and Sixth Form provision. At this time, BOA Digital does not have a sixth form and this does not form part of our report.

We are pleased to confirm that Ofsted inspectors recognised **Behaviour and Attitudes** and **Personal Development** as 'good'. Inspectors particularly noted that *'many pupils enjoy attending BOA Digital Technologies Academy. They value their project work in digital technology lessons and the visits they receive from different businesses and employers.'* Inspectors particularly praised staff, who are *'committed to ensuring that pupils see the connection between what they learn in the classroom and the potential jobs of the future.'*

Inspectors also noted that students at BOA Digital have access to **learning opportunities beyond the classroom**, including the annual theatre trip, and subject specialist trips in science and art. Inspectors were **particularly impressed by the standard of teaching and learning in maths**, and commented that *'the school has high expectations of pupils and has put in place a broad range of subjects for pupils to study.'*

Importantly, inspectors noted that **students with SEND are well supported at BOA Digital** through their learning plans and **individualised strategies for learning**. Inspectors commented that *'the school accurately identifies the needs of any pupils with SEND'* and that *'pupils with SEND follow an equally ambitious curriculum as their peers.'*

Whilst we welcome the 'good' ratings within the report, inspectors have identified some areas requiring improvement. In some subject areas, it is not yet clear enough what knowledge students should learn and remember and that assessment strategies are not yet well enough embedded to address gaps in student learning. This resulted in a 'requires improvement' rating for the Quality of Education, and frustratingly by linked judgement, Leadership and Management.

All school inspection reports recommend some areas for improvements. BOA Digital has been advised to make improvements in three key areas: clearly defining the subject knowledge required in each area; further embed assessment strategies to accurately identify gaps in students' learning; and strengthen strategic oversight to ensure leaders are clear on the impact of the interventions they put in place.

As leaders at BOA Digital, we are incredibly ambitious and have high expectations for all students. We want every student to achieve the best possible outcomes and to eventually leave BOA Digital at the end of their studies to secure outstanding destinations, whether that be further education, university or an apprenticeship in the digital technologies sector.

Over the coming weeks, BOA Group Chief Executive, Mrs Tague, will be working with the BOA Digital leadership team to oversee the implementation of the post-Ofsted action and academy development plan, focusing particularly on the key areas for improvement identified in the report. As part of this work, we will be reviewing the curriculum plans for all year groups to clearly define the subject knowledge students are expected to know, how this can be assessed and sequenced across all subject areas, and how gaps in students' knowledge can be addressed.

As leaders, we continue to work closely with our experienced academy governing body and the BOA Group trust board to review progress across the academy and to target interventions and improvements where necessary. Subject leaders at BOA Digital also work closely with partner organisations, including our industry partners and sister academies, to ensure our curriculum, teaching, and learning are engaging and equip students with the skills and knowledge they need for success. We will also be engaging with our school improvement partner who will offer some external quality assurance to help leaders assess the impact of the interventions we put in place. Where appropriate, we will also be inviting subject specialist teachers and leaders from other schools in the city to share best practice. We will continue to update you through our weekly newsletter.

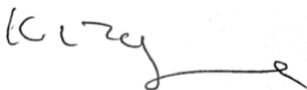
Whilst leaders at the academy recognise that we must reflect and work to address those areas for improvement identified in the report, we remain immensely proud of the many successes and achievements across the academy.

We would like to take this opportunity to formally **thank our staff, students and parents/carers for their continued support and dedication to the academy at this time**, and to reassure parents/carers that we are absolutely committed to addressing the areas for improvement identified in this report and ensuring that your child's education remains the high quality that we expect at BOA Digital.

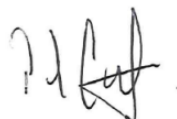
You can read the full report [here](#).

Should you wish to discuss this letter or the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection further, please do not hesitate to contact the academy by email to [info@boa-digital.co.uk](mailto:info@boa-digital.co.uk).

Yours sincerely,



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