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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to you with an important notification.

You will no doubt be aware from the news that the regulatory body that inspects schools – Ofsted, has been reviewing the way it carries out inspections. Changes already announced include the removal of ‘one-word overall grades’ for example. Maidenhill School is due its next Ofsted in the Spring of 2026. This is in line with the 4-yearly inspection cycle, having been previously inspected in March 2022.

As a school we remain absolute that we lead in such a way that will improve the life chances and achievement of our students. When Ofsted arrive, we will continue about our business as usual and ‘do nothing differently’. Ofsted echo this sentiment and are committed to ensuring disruption to the school day is as minimal as possible.

However, in order to gain insights into the new inspection framework, some weeks ago I made contact with Ofsted, and we hosted a Senior Inspector for a morning to learn more. On the back of this visit and at my request, we were offered a ‘test visit’ of the new inspection framework ahead of its planned roll-out in November 2025.

**As a result, I can now confirm that four HM Inspectors from Ofsted will visit our school each day on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.** They will be looking at the quality of our curriculum and at teaching and learning. They will talk to students, observe behaviour and be out and about during social times. They will conduct meetings with Senior Leaders and other staff and then discuss their findings with me and my Senior Leadership Team.

Because this is a planned test inspection, there will be no official Parent Voice questionnaire and Ofsted will not be routinely speaking with parents. There will also be no written feedback from the inspection for either the school or parents, though my senior team and I will be engaged in discussion and receive considerable verbal feedback. This test visit will also have no impact on the timing nor outcome of our scheduled unplanned inspection in the Spring.

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I hope you will see this visit in the same light I do as a chance to further inform our school improvement work for the future and to give our students the opportunity to share just what an exciting time it is to be a student at Maidenhill.

Should you have any questions please direct your communications to my PA via [nbessiere@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:nbessiere@maidenhill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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