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Dear Parent/Carer

Celebrating Our Success – IQM Inclusive School Award

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that, following a rigorous assessment process, Appleton Academy has been awarded the **Inclusion Quality Mark's Inclusive School Award**. This is a prestigious recognition of our commitment to creating a nurturing, inclusive, and ambitious learning environment for every child.

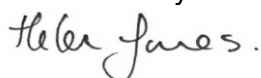
The assessor described Appleton Academy as *"a beacon of inclusivity"*, praising our exceptional pastoral care, innovative curriculum, and strong community engagement. We are proud to highlight some of the key strengths noted in the report:

- **Personalised Support:** Staff are commended for knowing each student as an individual, allowing us to tailor support that promotes both academic success and emotional wellbeing.
- **Removing Barriers:** Our poverty-proofing initiatives ensure that all students have access to uniforms, equipment, trips, and extracurricular activities — no child is held back by financial constraints.
- **Creative and Engaging Curriculum:** From vocational subjects to drama-based learning and reading for pleasure, our curriculum is designed to inspire curiosity and critical thinking.
- **Strong Leadership and Communication:** Our leadership team was recognised for prioritising emotional safety and maintaining open, effective communication with families.
- **Community and Global Citizenship:** Students benefit from enriching experiences such as theatre visits, cultural celebrations, and community service, helping them grow into compassionate, informed citizens.
- **Parent Partnership:** Parents shared that they *"felt listened to"* and that the school *"understands their children."* We are proud of the strong relationships we've built with families and the support we offer through workshops, events, and open dialogue.

This award is a testament to the dedication of our staff, the resilience of our students, and the invaluable support of our families. We are also thrilled to share that the assessor has recommended Appleton Academy for Centre of Excellence status, which would place us among the leading inclusive schools in the country.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Together, we continue to build a school where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to succeed.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Helen Jones".

Ms H Jones
Executive Headteacher