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## KING SOLOMON ACADEMY RATED OUTSTANDING IN FORMAL OFSTED INSPECTION

### **“Pupils make exceptionally rapid progress and their achievement is outstanding” say inspectors**

King Solomon Academy in Westminster has achieved an outstanding Ofsted grading just two years after the academy opened. Ofsted inspectors observed lessons, visited assembly, scrutinised pupils' work and met and interviewed staff and parents to reach their detailed conclusions. Throughout their report they emphasise how impressed they are with every aspect of the school. In its summary the Ofsted report says:

“King Solomon Academy is an outstanding and unique 21st century school that rightly judges its provision to be so. Its primary aim is to: ‘Provide a rigorous and transformational education that prepares our pupils for success at university and beyond.’ As such, the academy breeds success and consistently practises its chant, ‘Whatever it takes: We work. We learn. We all succeed’. This axiom means that no child is left behind and because nothing is left to chance, all staff, including the governors, pupils and parents, give ‘100% every day to ensure success all the way’.”

Among other points the report observes that:

- King Solomon Academy “has successfully created and inspired a community of enthusiastic learners, who are passionate about achieving academic excellence. “
- “Visionary goals are at the heart of its work. Aspirations are high and the academy is making a difference to pupils' lives irrespective of their starting point. Teachers and parents recognise that despite facing challenging circumstances, pupils can succeed against all odds because the provision is outstanding.”
- “Attainment is well above average in Reception and Key Stage 1 and the rate of pupils' progress and achievement is outstanding in all year groups.”
- “Exemplary care, guidance and support and consistently good teaching when combined with the outstanding curriculum generate a very strong culture of learning, which serves pupils' individual needs very well.”
- “The success of the academy is linked to the outstanding leadership and management of the headteachers and the clarity with which they have communicated their incisive vision and rigorous self-evaluation. They are very well supported by outstanding governors and highly effective young leaders and staff who believe in the principle of education transforming pupils' lives. Together, they form a formidable and cohesive team, focused on helping pupils.”

A full copy of the Ofsted letter to the school is attached.

Commenting on the report Chair of Governors Ron Beller said: “We are delighted with Ofsted's report. It is a great endorsement of the tremendously hard work of our two outstanding head teachers Venessa Willms and Max Haimendorf, the commitment and skill of their team and the

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support they gain from ARK Schools. Much more importantly it endorses what parents tell us about the school. They and our pupils are the most important judges of our achievements and we are wholly committed to giving every pupil the excellent academic education to which they are entitled, as we are in the academies across the ARK network. We look forward to welcoming the inspectors back in future years to show that we will maintain the high standards we have set ourselves from day one. “

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