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Dear Julie and Carla

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to extend our sincere thanks for hosting our team on Monday, 13th October. The visit provided us with a valuable opportunity to learn about the innovation taking place in your school.

Your commitment to accessibility and learner agency through intentional design was evident throughout the day. The adoption of Universal Design for Learning principles has clearly shaped a strategy that puts your pupils' needs at the centre. It was inspiring to see how your vision has evolved and adapted, with a clear focus on improving outcomes for all learners, especially those with additional needs.

The tour showcased how thoughtfully technology has been embedded. It was fantastic to see how the use of technology, including the use of iPads and tools like Magma Maths and ShowMe have transformed the learning experience for your pupils. The ability for teachers to track progress in real-time and provide targeted support was particularly impressive. Your iterative approach of piloting, evaluating, and scaling, demonstrates a mature and evidence-led digital strategy.

Conversations with your teaching staff highlighted a strong culture of empowerment and professional growth. It was encouraging to hear how staff were supported from the outset, and how CPD needs are identified and addressed collaboratively. The leadership structure, including digital leads and safeguarding roles, reflects a thoughtful and inclusive approach to change management.

Meeting your Year 5/6 House Champions was a highlight. The enthusiasm shown for a range of subjects including computing, maths, art and music were a testament to the confidence and capability your approach fosters. Their passion and pride in their learning were infectious.

Your journey, from initial challenges with 1:1 implementation to becoming a sector leader for the use of technology is commendable. I look forward to continuing the conversation, especially around your AI implementation and the important considerations around safety and ethics.

Thank you again for your generosity and openness.

Andrew Williams
Head of Enabling
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Dear Julie and Carla,

I hope this email finds you well. I just wanted to take a moment to extend my heartfelt thanks to both of you and your hardworking staff for hosting us on Monday. It was truly a pleasure to be there, and we genuinely appreciate you all taking the time out of your busy schedule to accommodate us.

Please find attached a letter expressing our appreciation. Thank you once again for your hospitality and for making the visit so enjoyable.

