



Tuesday 17th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to confirm that, following our Ofsted inspection on 20th and 21st October, our Academy has been judged “Good” in all areas, with significant strengths in Early Years provision which was graded “Outstanding”.

Since its opening in 2007, the Academy has been striving for improvement, and this journey gathered further momentum when the Primary Academy was established in 2009. We have been determined in our ambition to provide the highest standard of education for our deserving pupils, and we are thrilled that our vision, and the passion demonstrated by your children, has led to this judgement.

Now that the report has been published, we are able to share the very positive outcomes.

The report highlighted some particular strengths, including:

- Leaders, trustees and staff show passion and ambition for the Academy and all of its pupils and students. They are highly determined to do what they can to improve the life chances of the young people in the area the Academy serves.
- Across the Academy, teachers’ lesson planning is careful, and lessons are purposeful.
- The school’s work to promote pupils’ personal development and welfare is good.
- The behaviour of pupils in all phases is good. Across the Academy, pupils arrive in the morning and start their work in an orderly and constructive way; this positive atmosphere and behaviour then continues throughout the day.
- Pupils are keen to learn. They listen respectfully and carefully to their teachers. They concentrate effectively.
- Pupils move around the Academy, and play and socialise together, thoughtfully and safely. They are friendly and polite, enjoying each other’s company.
- Pupils are well prepared, at all levels, for the next stage of their education, or next step in life.
- Leaders and staff in the Kindergarten and Reception show considerable expertise. The Headteacher and leaders guide and direct the provision clearly. All staff work together very efficiently and imaginatively.
- The sixth-form provision, sited in The Glassworks building, is well led and managed. It has a clear place within the provision available in the local area. It provides a safe and stimulating environment for its pupils.

We are extremely proud of our children and all that they contribute to make our school so special. It is a testament to them and our staff team that the positive outcomes and areas of strength were recognised during the inspection process. A full copy of the report will be available from 9am on Wednesday 18th November on the Academy website, as well as from reception.

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Like all schools, we recognise that there are areas where further improvements can be made, and we are excited by the challenges the next stage of our development will bring as we work together on the action points identified in our school improvement plan and with which Ofsted agreed.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued support. This success is very much the result of our collective efforts, and schools can only prosper if parents, pupils and staff are working in partnership. Our goal is to create a school of which our community is proud, and this report is the reflection of the good work so far.

Yours sincerely,



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