

Hasland Hall

Community School



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Dear Parent

OFSTED Inspection Outcome – GOOD!

Following our Inspection at the end of September, we have now received the final Report and this will be available on the OFSTED (www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk) and school website from Monday 9 November. Should you wish to receive a paper copy, please contact staff in Reception. The school has been graded as ‘Good’, an improvement on the 2013 judgement.

We are delighted with the outcome of the Inspection and proud that the school’s achievements have been recognised and that the commitment and enthusiasm of staff and students and support and encouragement of parents have been highlighted. During the two days, the Inspectors carry out an intensive scrutiny of all aspects of school life, their main purpose being to check that the Senior Leadership Team and Governors are assessing the strengths of the school accurately and that we have a clear understanding of areas for improvement. They were in agreement that this was the case.

Whilst you may wish to read the full report, I would like to draw your attention to the following extracts:

- Much of the teaching, across most subjects and in different year groups is good. Teachers have a good understanding of the subjects they teach. In the large majority of lessons they plan activities that are enjoyable and which enable students to make good progress.
- The Headteacher has established a strong focus on what needs to improve. She has ensured that, with other leaders, there has been strong and unwavering attention given to the areas for improvement, identified in the previous inspection.
- Students behave well in almost all lessons and at break and lunchtimes.
- Students enjoy learning in the large majority of lessons and appreciate the support and help they get.
- Students are proud of their work. A very large majority ensure their books are neat and presented well.
- Students say they feel happy and safe in school. They get on with each other in lessons and almost always focus on their learning. These attitudes help them to make progress.
- Students say that bullying is not a concern. They feel that it might possibly happen but are confident the school has systems for dealing with any problems.
- Students almost always treat each other with respect and tolerance. They are aware of differences. They understand that it is not appropriate to make derogatory comments about others.
- Students treat the school building and grounds with respect. There is little litter, and school property is looked after well.
- Students get on with each other at lunchtime and breaktime. They behave particularly sensibly in the dining hall where there is a civilised atmosphere. Students are interested and engaged during assemblies and enjoy the occasional opportunities they have for extended curriculum days.
- Students with special educational needs and disabilities are making good progress in almost all subjects and year groups.

- Students are prepared well for the next stage of their education or training. A very high proportion of students are successful at moving on to further study, or other suitable destinations, after school.

I would like to thank those of you who recorded your views on Parent View on the OFSTED website. There was a higher response this time, with 41 parents responding, compared to 26 in September 2013. Please consider making a response at www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk if you haven't done so already. It will still be relevant and also useful to us as an indicator of parents' views on the school.

Should any parent wish to discuss particular aspects of the Inspection report or would like further information relating to it, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely

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