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Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Inspection – 6 & 7 February 2019

I write following the academy's recent Ofsted inspection to share with you their judgement and a copy of the full report. This is also available on the academy's website and will be published on Ofsted's website within the next five days.

I am delighted that the inspection team noted within their report the "significantly marked improvements since the previous inspection" and now, for the first time Outwood Academy City and its predecessor school have been judged by the schools' regulator, Ofsted, as a 'Good' school.

The outcomes of the inspection judged the quality of teaching and learning; personal development, behaviour and welfare; outcomes for pupils and the overall effectiveness of the academy to be 'Good'. In addition, the effectiveness of leadership and management was judged 'Outstanding'.

During the two days, the inspectors observed, and subsequently commented on, the positive relationships between teachers and students, and how these are "strongly contributing to pupils' progress" and how teachers "take into account pupils' barriers or issues and, consequently, provide high-quality wraparound care and support". In addition, Ofsted also recognised the work of the academy and how "pupils' attendance has markedly improved over time" and how this is having an impact on students' outcomes with Ofsted commenting, "pupils currently in the school benefit from teaching that is solidly good and in some areas of the school, for example English, excellent". This is resulting in good pupil outcomes because "across a range of subjects current pupils' rates of progress are improving in a sustained way".

The inspectors also took a range of opportunities to talk to students who, according to Ofsted, "show a great pride at being a part of the school". They told inspectors that "they feel safe and are safe [and] have confidence in, and trust, staff. They believe that staff genuinely care for them and their well-being".

Whilst we are pleased the inspection report recognises the hard work of students, parents/carers, Governors and staff at the academy, we are not complacent and look forward to working together over the coming years to further improve the educational experience for all students.

Yours faithfully



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