



Ormiston NEW Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating our Ofsted report – thank you to our whole NEW Academy community

I am delighted to be writing to you today to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection and, most importantly, to take a moment to celebrate what this report says about our wonderful school community.

This was our first inspection under Ofsted's new national inspection framework. Under this framework, schools no longer receive one overall grade. Instead, Ofsted produces a report card with separate judgements across different areas of school life, giving families a clearer picture of where a school is doing well and where it is continuing to improve.

The new framework is deliberately more ambitious, with higher expectations set for schools across all areas. As a result, meeting the expected standard reflects a stronger benchmark than under previous inspection arrangements. Achieving a strong grading in any area is, therefore, a significant accomplishment.

I am beyond proud to announce to you all that we have been awarded a strong grading in four areas: attendance and behaviour, inclusion, leadership and governance, and personal development and wellbeing. In the remaining three areas, we are meeting the expected standard.

The report recognises many of the things that make Ormiston NEW Academy such a special place: our commitment to our students, the care and support we provide, the ambition we have for every young person, and the positive relationships that exist across our academy.

I want to begin by saying a huge thank you. Thank you to our students, who make us proud every day through their effort, resilience, kindness and determination. Thank you to our staff, who work tirelessly to support, challenge and inspire young people. And thank you to our parents and carers for your continued trust, encouragement and partnership — your support plays such an important role in everything we achieve together.

One of the most powerful parts of the report is the recognition of what it feels like to be a student at Ormiston NEW Academy. Inspectors found that our pupils see the academy as a special place to learn. They highlighted that students feel listened to, cared for and valued, and that they are proud to live our values of pride, endeavour, together and excellence.

This means a great deal to us because our aim has always been to create a school where every young person feels that they belong — where they are known, supported and encouraged to achieve their very best.

The report also recognised the calm, positive culture that exists across the academy. Our students understand our expectations, show respect for one another and for staff, and contribute to making NEW a welcoming and safe place to learn.

We are especially proud that Ofsted recognised our commitment to inclusion. Every student matters, and we work hard to ensure that all young people — whatever their background, starting point or individual needs — have the support and opportunities they need to thrive. Inspectors highlighted the strong sense of belonging experienced by students who have faced barriers in their education and the positive impact of our inclusive approach.

The report also celebrates the wider experiences we provide for students beyond lessons. Our enrichment programme, personal development opportunities and careers support help young people build confidence, discover their interests and prepare for the future ahead.

There is, of course, always more to do. A great school is one that continues to learn, reflect and improve. We will use this report as motivation to keep moving forward — raising aspirations, strengthening teaching and learning, and ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed.

To our students: this report reflects your hard work, your character and the way you represent our academy every day. You should feel incredibly proud.

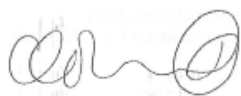
To our staff: thank you for the passion, commitment and care you bring to school every day. Your dedication shapes the lives of young people.

To our parents and carers: thank you for being such an important part of our community. The partnership between home and school is one of our greatest strengths.

We are proud of where we are, excited about where we are going, and grateful that we are continuing this journey together.

You can read the full report here: [Ormiston NEW Academy - Ofsted Report](#)

With thanks and best wishes,



Mr. C. Cooling
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