



Dignity & Excellence



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Following our recent Ofsted inspection, I am pleased to inform you that a copy of the final report will be published on the college website at 12noon on Friday 27 May, prior to publication on the Ofsted website on 8 June 2016.

Governors and staff are delighted that the report acknowledges and captures the progress made by staff and students over recent years. Most importantly, it recognises the ethos, systems and quality of teaching that will ensure progress will continue to be made.

The most pleasing and informative comments from the report include:

- *This is an unexpectedly **close-knit community** for such a large school.*
- **Teaching has not just changed; it has been transformed.**
- **There is a buzz around teaching.** Teachers skilfully guide pupils to make good and better progress in all manner of different styles and techniques.
- *Typically, teachers greet pupils at the door and by their very presence make clear the expectations for the lesson.*
- **Pupils say they feel safe in school; parents and inspectors agree.** There is a highly-organised pastoral support team who work strategically to help pupils who are experiencing difficulties at home or school.
- **One parent said that the school 'has changed my child's life' by the high level of care and support.**
- **It is not uncommon for an adult to enter a classroom unnoticed by the pupils because they are so engrossed in their work.**
- *Typically, pupils behave well in lessons and at social times.*
- **Pupils make good progress due to high-quality, engaging teaching and learning.**

I must pay tribute to the skill and professionalism of teaching and support staff so clearly expressed in the report, along with the expert care for our young people. Likewise I wish to acknowledge and praise the children for their good behaviour, for the respect they show for staff and peers, for their aspiration and for the pride they show in their work and their school.

Thank you for the many messages of support and good wishes you shared. Please rest assured that the professionalism of staff and 'no excuse' culture of which HMI Sally Kenyon wrote in her report has meant that we have already moved on to planning the next steps for the further development of our 'close-knit community', better known as the Newman family.

Yours sincerely

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