

3rd October 2023



Dear Parents and Carers

It was a pleasure to share our OFSTED report with you all this week. The inspection highlights the rapid improvements made to the school over the past few years, noting that "the school is a calm and purposeful learning environment" and that "pupils have a positive attitude to learning and engage well". I am very proud that 'Good' grades were secured across the board – a real reflection of how hard every member of the school community is working to support students.

We have already turned our attention to the point raised around improving students' literacy skills, and are working to introduce a phonics programme at KS3 to support those in need of additional help.

The weather has definitely taken a turn this week with some stormy conditions. Whilst it was safe for the school to remain open in this instance, any decision around school closure will be made by 7am, and will be announced on the home page of our school website. I was surprised to see many students arriving without a coat while the rain was lashing down on Thursday; could you please remind your child to wear a coat to school if the weather is poor. We do have lockers they can be stored in if your child doesn't want to carry their coat with them all day – just ask at reception.

Some dates for your diaries – our Year 11 Parents' Evening is next Wednesday 8th November. If you still need to make appointments [you can do so here](#). We also have our annual Christmas Fayre taking place on Saturday 9th December. Our PTFA (Parent Teacher and Friends Association) organise this valuable event to raise funds to support school projects and trips – please do come along and grab yourself some festive bargains and stocking fillers.

With best wishes for the weekend – enjoy the fireworks!

Mr Dan Bagshaw

Head of School