

Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Following our Section 5 inspection on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th June Ofsted will now publish our report on their website on Tuesday 20th September. This report has been delayed respecting our period of national mourning. We are advised that we notify our parents in advance of its publication. We acknowledge that this does therefore mean that we are sharing this news before the official end of the national mourning period. It is important that our parents are informed before its official publication and Monday is now a day of closure for schools nationally.

We can now share a link to the resulting Ofsted letter [Inspection of Outwood Academy Easingwold](#) I am delighted to share that our school has been graded as outstanding.

Inspectors stated that ‘Outwood Academy Easingwold is an aspirational and nurturing environment where pupils are encouraged to excel. Staff have the highest expectations of what pupils can achieve and ensure that they meet them.’ In addition, they praised the positive culture in the school noting that ‘this is a caring community where pupils and staff value and appreciate each other.’ Inspectors highlighted the ambitious, knowledge rich curriculum and the way in which the school meets the needs of all students including those with special educational needs and disabilities and those pupils who are disadvantaged. Our prioritisation of reading was recognised in the report stating ‘there is an exceptionally strong reading culture evident across the school.’

The school is deemed as offering outstanding personal development for students, and our Sixth Form provision is judged to be outstanding. Inspectors commented that our students are ‘articulate and insightful in discussions about their studies’ and noted that ‘many sixth-form pupils move on to prestigious academic destinations.’ Career education is viewed as a major strength of our provision. The report comments, ‘strong leadership in this area ensures that all pupils experience a wealth of opportunities and information about their next steps.’ Inspectors noted that ‘staff encourage pupils to manage their own behaviour and make the right choices’ but ‘some pupils have found returning to school after the pandemic challenging’ however ‘clear systems are in place to help these pupils behave as well as their peers.’ Leadership of the school is outstanding.

Lynn James, who has worked closely with the school as our Executive Principal since the school joined Outwood Grange Academies Trust after its 2016 Ofsted inspection shared, “We are truly delighted with our outstanding judgement; it is a remarkable achievement to gain outstanding from a position of Special Measures with a pandemic along the journey. It is testament to courageous leadership - knowing what needs to be done, engaging all in that

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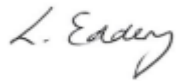
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vision and being persistent in the shared delivery and high expectations that enable an exceptional education for our young people. Thank you to all who have been a part of this transformation.”

I would like to commend our students for their commitment and engagement with their education, they are a credit to us all! Huge thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support and encouragement. I am so proud of our amazing staff who give such exceptional service to our school and our governing body for their valuable challenge and support. I would also like to thank Lynn James, our Executive Principal for her unfailing support and strategic leadership. This is an amazing shared achievement; the school was in special measures prior to joining Outwood Grange Academies Trust and it has faced the disruption of the pandemic yet it has worked tirelessly to raise standards, transform lives and put students first by ensuring an outstanding education for all. I look forward to working together with you all in our continued pursuit to deliver an exceptionally high quality of education for our children and community.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "L. Eddery".

Miss Eddery

Principal