

Our Ref: SPA/BCO/Ofsted

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Ofsted Inspection

Dear Parent/Carer,

As I am sure you know the school received an Ofsted inspection on the 25th and 26th of April. The Ofsted inspection had been triggered because of poor GCSE examination results in 2017. These results were below the government's floor target, and as we were previously 'Good' in 2014 Ofsted had to investigate the decline in standards. The school received a two-day inspection which highlighted many positives; most notably our 6th form provision which was rated 'Outstanding'. There were also positives in Ofsted's judgement of leadership and behaviour, both of which were 'Good' and reflected real improvement in the past year.

Unfortunately, outcomes and teaching and learning were rated as 'Requires Improvement', reflecting previous poor examination results and an acute staffing shortage in previous years. We were not yet able to demonstrate, through exam results, that teaching and outcomes were good; this was especially true of our brightest students, disadvantaged students and SEND students. These groups of students performed particularly poorly last year and although they are now doing well, we cannot yet prove this progress through examination results.

You will recall, after a lengthy recruitment process, the governors appointed me in January 2017. I quickly set about improving the school, and whilst I knew that I could have little impact on the results for last year's year 11 students, I could improve the school for all the other students and for those yet to come. My team's approach has been straight forward, and we set about doing the following:

- We recruited nine new teachers, including a new Head of Science and English. We are fully staffed next year, and we have successfully retained all our new recruits.
- We focused on rapidly improving student behaviour inside and outside of the classroom.
- We focused on rapidly improving exam results for our current year 11 who are due to achieve above national averages this year.
- We focused on creating a collaborative, supportive and caring school culture where all students and staff work together to improve.

The report reflects the real improvements made and points to a very bright future for the school. I can assure you that we will not be in this situation again and that the recent improvement will continue and grow. My team will now be working on the following:

- Developing our teachers further, especially working on consistently challenging the brightest and supporting those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities.
- Improving examination results this year and into the future so that our young people consistently achieve above national averages.
- Continuing the recent improvements in Science to ensure that we are a centre of excellence for STEM subjects.
- Giving wide enrichment opportunities to all young people, using the strength of our sixth form to inspire young people to aim high.

A full copy of the report can be found on our website under 'Ofsted'

If you would like to speak to me informally about any aspect of the inspection report, please book an appointment with Sara Park my Personal Assistant on 01772 795428 ext 7224 or by emailing spa@moorpark.mp. I will be available from 3.30 – 6.00 pm from Tuesday-Friday on the week beginning 4th June.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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