



12th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We don't do it for Ofsted, we do it for your children. However, it is with great pride that I write to you with the report Ofsted has made, following their visit on 25th and 26th April. There is much debate in education at the moment about Ofsted summarising a school with a single word, but they have done so in our case – Good.

The Buckingham School is a Good school.

The Inspectors found that the School is exactly as I told them it would be in my pre-inspection interview. They agreed with our own assessment:

- This is a well-led school and Governors are strong in supporting and challenging this leadership
- This school provides the best quality of education that it ever has, thanks to its excellent teaching staff and those who support our learners with barriers to learning
- This school provides great opportunities for personal development, thanks to those same teachers and our equally excellent support staff
- This school has a terrific Sixth Form, characterised by students who are a product of this school
- All staff in this school are committed to continuing to improve behaviour which I have been transparent with the community about throughout this year – “substantial improvements have been made to behaviour.”

Ofsted recognised the unprecedented challenges that the School has faced this year and were impressed that we are making successful inroads into solving them. The students were able to talk about the School's approaches to behaviour and the positive impact they are having. Ofsted are convinced that these will lead the community back to the standards of conduct that we have been becoming used to. They were of the view that this School has endured more than its fair share of traumas since the last inspection and were impressed with our ability to adapt and keep looking forwards.

We are a wonderful school, committed to your children. Thank you to the majority of parents who told Ofsted that this is the case and thank you to all of those families who do take the trouble to raise any issues that they have directly with us. If we know better, we can do better.

This is the third Ofsted visit in a row that has resulted in a *Good* grading. Let's face it, the community has a great school of which it can be proud. The standards your children are achieving are the reason why.

But we can still be even better. You will hear much more about the steps that we are currently planning, before the end of this year and at the start of the next.

Please find the report attached, which is also available via the School website.

With best wishes,

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