



Park High School

Raising Aspirations

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Following our recent inspection by Ofsted on the 3-4 November 2015 we have been thrilled to receive a very good report which truly captures the essence of our school. At the heart of the report there is a recognition of the core family values of our school which drives our determination to ensure that 'no one is left behind'. The report states: *"There is a nurturing ethos in the school that creates an environment in which pupils can thrive."*

The most pleasing aspect of our Ofsted feedback is the wonderful comments interwoven into the report which emphasise the amazing personal qualities of our students. Below we have highlighted some of these comments:

"Pupils are polite, friendly and behave extremely well around the school."

"They wear their uniform well and have pride in their school community."

"In lessons, pupils show respect to their teachers and each other, which creates a positive atmosphere for learning."

"Pupils enjoy their learning and are keen to do well."

We were also pleased that the hard work, dedication and skill of the school staff have been acknowledged. The report states: *"Teachers know their pupils well, and the high expectations they have of them builds their confidence and self-esteem."* Our procedures for keeping students safe are described as *"exemplary"*. School leaders have been prepared to take *"bold"* and *"visionary"* action to ensure that:

"Pupils achieve well across a wide range of subjects, making particularly good progress in mathematics and science. As a result of an effective curriculum which meets the needs of all, the progress of pupils in Year 7 to 11 is very strong."

In addition to our drive for academic excellence for all, we have maintained a strong balance between the academic and personal development aspects of our pupils' education. Our report states: *"Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is a very high priority in the school and is led very effectively."* We firmly believe keeping this balance is essential in ensuring the long term success and happiness of our students.

An essential element of our pupils' success has been the support we have received from parents which is also recognised in the report:

"Parental comments provide clear evidence of how much they value the care, support and guidance that their children receive from all staff."

"Staff work extremely well with parents and external agencies to make sure pupils' welfare needs are managed sensitively so that they can flourish."

As well as highlighting the strengths of our school the inspection team has also given us some guidance on



how to secure an overall outstanding judgement when our school is next inspected. We are now refining our improvement plans to ensure we fully address these areas.

If you have not yet received a full copy of our Ofsted report, you can download a copy from our website or collect a paper copy from the school's reception.

We would like to end by thanking you for your continued support. It is a great privilege to lead a school with such wonderful young people and dedicated staff.

Yours sincerely

Handwritten signature of Dr P Parkin in black ink.

Dr P Parkin
Headteacher

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Mr H Devonport
Chair of Governors