



5th July 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Ofsted Inspection of Queen Elizabeth's School 17th – 18th May 2022

As you will be aware, Ofsted inspected our school recently and we are writing to share the outcome with you.

I am delighted to confirm that QE was judged to be 'Good' in all areas of provision, including the *'well regarded'* Sixth Form. The inspection team were very positive about our school. I am particularly pleased that our strong values were recognised, with inspectors commenting that *'students play an active part in furthering the school's ethos of respect and tolerance'* and that students *'have respect for and interest in people from different backgrounds'*.

It is also significant that our strong curriculum was highlighted, with Ofsted noting that leaders *'have created the conditions in which pupils can learn an ambitious curriculum'* and that *'pupils participate in a range of sporting and cultural extra-curricular opportunities'*.

Comments such as the *'successful progress'* of students with SEND together with the *'effective pastoral care'* and *'the atmosphere in lessons is very focused'* means the report gives a very good insight into what it is like to attend QE.

I'd like to thank our governors for their support and determination. We recognise the areas for improvement that were identified in the report and will continue to work hard with all students to make sure we close any gaps in their knowledge. We will continue to focus strongly on improving literacy in particular supporting students who find reading especially challenging.

The report is a huge credit to all members of the school community. Our students have been remarkable. I could not be more proud of the way QE students have risen to the challenge of the last few years. This report is testament to their resilience and good-natured determination. Our staff have been equally phenomenal. They have worked exceptionally hard, with one objective in mind, to empower our students through the education they receive here at QE.

I would also like to thank you - all the parents and carers - for the support you have given as we have made the changes needed to improve the quality of education we offer. I have always said that you have the right to expect a successful school at the heart of this fantastic community, and I am very pleased that this report gives recognition of that fact.

Yours faithfully,

Rupert Poole
Principal

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