



STOCKPORT SCHOOL

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Ref: Ofsted Inspection Report

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware we were visited by an Ofsted Inspection team on 10th & 11th December 2019, to assess us under the new much tougher, '2019 Education Inspection Framework' (EIF).

An Ofsted Inspection is a very challenging, high-stakes process which undoubtedly creates a significant amount of additional pressure for staff, students and the wider school community, who find themselves being assessed and judged against extremely high-bar measures, by unknown external visitors.

I am delighted to report however, that we came together, as always, as a strong and unified community, to demonstrate our considerable strengths, as one of the very best schools in Greater Manchester. Our students were incredible, and were an absolute credit to you and to the school.

The Inspection report confirmed that:

“Senior leaders, including governors, lead the school well.” The school is ***“well-run and oversubscribed”*** and ***“leaders have high expectations of their pupils”***. ***“Leaders aim to provide a first-rate and all-round education. They want to set pupils up for life.”***

“The headteacher’s and deputy headteachers’ actions are guided by pupils’ best interests. These leaders have also won the support of the staff. Teachers and other staff work well to do the best that they can for pupils.”

“Staff know pupils well and they are highly vigilant.”

“Pupils study an academic and ambitious curriculum” and ***“Pupils arrive to lessons on time. They are ready to learn and try hard in lessons. They usually behave well around school. Pupils say that they feel happy and safe at school. They say school is a good place to make friends and to learn.”*** As a result ***“Pupils achieve well, across most subjects, in national examinations.”***

Having witnessed our community in action during the inspection, I have no doubt that due to our strong moral purpose, commitment and drive, we will undoubtedly continue to go from strength to strength, for the good of our students and our community. I am therefore incredibly proud to be associated as the Headteacher of such a brilliant school!

I have attached for your information, a copy of the official Ofsted Report which will also be published on the Ofsted website within 5 working days. I hope that you enjoy reading the attached report, which confirms that we have a school that we can all continue to be very proud of.

By way of recognising our community strengths and school values, we have given out today, a very special new lapel badge for our students and staff to wear. The badge notes our five school values which give us such strength. The new badge is to be worn with pride by all of our students upon the left lapel of their blazer as part of our uniform policy.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support as parents and carers, and thank you to our incredible students for showcasing so well, our amazing school to Ofsted.

With very best wishes,

Mr. I. R. Irwin
Headteacher

