

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to be able to send you the link to the final report of the Ofsted Inspection which took place on 6th and 7th February 2019. The judgements made by the Inspectors were as follows:

Outcomes	Good
Leadership and Management	Good
Teaching and Learning	Good
Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare	Outstanding
16-19 Study Programme (6 th Form)	Outstanding
Overall Effectiveness	Good

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The inspection was conducted by a team of 4 who observed learning in 54 lessons (17 6th Form lessons). They also attended an assembly and observed Form Tutor time. The team had meetings with myself, Senior Leaders, Heads of Department, Pastoral Leaders and members of the Governing Body. At break and lunchtime, the inspection team observed the behaviour of our pupils. They also spoke to students both in lessons and around the school. They also conducted formal interviews with groups of pupils. In order to assess our pupils' progress over time, the inspection team looked at a sample of exercise books and files.

162 responses by you on Parent View, Ofsted's online parent survey, were also taken into account. Finally, a wide range of documentation was reviewed on pupil's attainment, progress attendance and behaviour. A number of documents were also looked at; these ranged from minutes of governor meetings to our own self-evaluation of our strengths and areas for development as a school.

Therefore, the inspection was a challenging, rigorous process conducted in a professional and balanced way. The overall judgement of effectiveness (Good) is a totally correct one for us at this stage of our improvement journey. Our GCSE results need to be consistently strong in order for a judgement of Outstanding overall to be secured. We made a substantial improvement in 2018 but we have more work to do. This is also reflected in the quality of teaching which is good overall, but we have some inconsistencies that we are working on and are determined to eradicate.

We should though be pleased at the very positive comments in the report and the outstanding grades for the Personal Development, Safety and Behaviour of our pupils and for the 6th Form. For example the report says that "Pupils are exceptionally well prepared for life in modern Britain. Pupils are tolerant, thoughtful and ...(their) behaviour in lessons and around the school is excellent". They also said pupils "Love coming to school and are rarely absent" and "Bullying is rare and firmly dealt with".

On the 6th Form, the report says that "Students in the 6th Form make exceptionally strong progress and (they) play a full role in the life of the school and receive excellent advice on their next steps". Also "Teaching is highly effective and often inspirational".

We should then as a school community feel very proud about these excellent aspects of the work of the school. My congratulations to the students and staff on this fantastic achievement.

I was also pleased that 93% of parents who filled in the Parent View said they would recommend OPGS to another parent.

What I now ask from you as parents and carers is your continued support in making OPGS the best it can be. We want your son or daughter to make the most of their time at OPGS, fulfil their potential by working hard and achieving the grades they are capable of. I, my senior staff, teaching and support staff and the Governing Body will do all we can to make this happen, but it must be a partnership.

Thank you for your continued support; it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K.W. Moody'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

K.W. Moody
Headteacher