

Prospect School

PROSPECT SCHOOL, READING

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Dear Parent/Carer

You will be aware that Prospect School was subject to a section 5 Ofsted inspection on 29th and 30th September. We are very proud of our school and pleased that the Ofsted Inspection recognised the school's many strengths. We have made many improvements to the school since the previous inspection and Ofsted rightly praised us for having "...accelerated the pace of change over the last year. The culture in the school is now a positive one, with staff at all levels committed to the Headteacher's vision and direction." It is clear from the report that Prospect is not a school which has stood still.

In three out of the five categories, we have been judged as 'Good', with two 'Requiring Improvement'. Ofsted assessed the school as Good in Leadership and Management across the school, and recognised our capacity to make sustained and further improvements. The report commended the work of the Governors and praised our Safeguarding systems and culture. Working relationships between pupils and staff are strong, with Ofsted noting how staff care a great deal about pupils' well-being and personal development. The inspectors pointed out our pupils' good behaviour, noting they are "...attentive and respectful. This contributes to pupils' enjoyment of learning. They are polite and courteous." We were extremely proud of how positively our students responded to Ofsted and the excellent impression they made.

The inspection team have highlighted to us areas on which we still need to focus. There were no surprises in the inspection, which demonstrates that staff and governors have an accurate view of how the school is performing now and how it can be improved. We are committed to putting in place the recommendations Ofsted has made. Despite our record breaking exam results last summer, we have to ensure that this is maintained and further improved upon, so that all students in all year groups make good or better progress. Maintaining a minimum of good teaching across the whole school is essential and remains the key area to which the Governors and the whole staff including myself are giving due attention.

The report has now been published and can be found on the Ofsted website or the school website. If you would like a hard copy of the report, please email enquiries@prospect.reading.sch.uk and it will be posted out to you.

Please take time to read the report, as it sets out where we currently are as a school. It reflects the huge amount of work that has taken place in the last 18 months to move the school forward.

I would like to thank everyone for their support. The improvements that have taken place have only happened because of the full support of the parents, the Governing Body, the hard work of the students and the dedication and expertise of the staff.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Davies
Headteacher

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