

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Dear Parents/carers,

**Re: Outcome of latest Ofsted visit**

As you are all aware, Ofsted inspected the school on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> May and rigorously tested our systems and structure within the school.

As usual, the students were absolutely amazing despite being in the throes of the examination season. They were a credit not just to the school but yourselves as parents/carers and when questioned without exception said that they felt safe at school and enjoyed coming to school. They also all agreed that the school is improving.

As with all inspections, there were areas of strength and areas of development. The areas of strength included the leadership and management at all levels, the governance of the school, the sixth form and the personal development and well-being of our students. There are many glowing comments seen within the report of these areas.

There were also areas identified as needing improvement, all of which we were fully aware prior to their visit and which we had already put strategies in place to address. However, we have not had the time to demonstrate the impact of these initiatives. The areas which still need further improvement are the outcomes of certain groups of students within a small number of subject areas. To support this, we also need to ensure greater consistency in the quality of teaching across the school.

Our ambition now is to invite Ofsted to return in Autumn 2020 when we will have clear evidence of the impact of our work in school over three years, with improved outcomes across all subject areas. When I took up post as Head Teacher in January last year, I set a vision for the school to be outstanding in 2020 and with the continued hard work from our exceptional team of staff we have the potential to achieve this ambitious goal.

Should you wish to read the full inspection report, it will be available by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June either via the school website [www.aspirebelievesucceed.com](http://www.aspirebelievesucceed.com) or via the Ofsted website [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk). Alternatively should you require a hard copy of the report, please contact the school and we will be happy to provide this.

On a separate note, another positive piece of news is that VolkerFitzpatrick (the new construction company that replaced Carillion) are progressing really well with the building completion works which you may have noticed if you have passed the site. The anticipated final completion date is early September, just in time for our Open evening.

Finally with the examination season of GCSEs and A levels coming to an end, I am sure you will join me in wishing all our students good luck for their results days in August; they have been working exceptionally hard throughout the last few months.

Please look out for the Phoenix Newsletter which will be coming out in August. It will show you all the amazing work which has been going on during the school year.

Yours faithfully



Mike Smith  
Head teacher

