

Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware that on 1 March 2022 we received an Ofsted inspection. This inspection was conducted under Section 8 of the Education Act 2005 and in accordance with Ofsted's published procedures for no formal designation inspections. The inspection was conducted with no prior notice, by two inspectors who were at the academy for the full day. The focus of the inspection was behaviour.

Judgements that we normally associate with Ofsted inspections, such as: outstanding, good, requires improvement and inadequate are not given during this type of no formal designation inspection. Instead, if the inspection team finds areas of serious concern they can then turn the inspection into a Section 5 inspection and if there was a concern with the academy it could have been given a required improvement or inadequate judgement. I'm pleased to say that the inspection team did not make the decision to turn this inspection into a Section 5 inspection based on the evidence they gathered during the day as it did not raise concern.

The report, which can now be found on our website highlighted many positives and made it clear that the academy is making good progress since the conversion to Outwood Grange Academies Trust in May 2018. The report outlines priorities for further improvements, which as an academy we recognise as fair and something we were already working towards. For example, one of the targets set by the inspection team was to commit to further improve the behaviour of the minority of persistently disruptive pupils. At Outwood Academy Hemsworth we were recently awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark which highlighted the academy's commitment to inclusive practice. This accolade involves a rigorous 2-day inspection from the IQM Team. An overview of this award can be found using the following link.

<https://iqmaward.com/news/outwood-academy-hemsworth-achieves-inclusive-school-award/>

I am proud of the progress that the academy has made and am very grateful for the support that you provide. It is important that the community has a school which enables our young people to achieve and thrive in the future. There will be no complacency from the academy and we will continue to respond positively to these recommendations and drive standards of the academy further in the right direction. We will do this with integrity and transparency and welcome any parent/carer who wishes to visit the academy to see the excellent work first hand to contact my PA [Jacqueline Wicks\(j.wicks@hemsworth.outwood.com\)](mailto:jacqueline.wicks@hemsworth.outwood.com).

Yours faithfully



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