

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Families

Monitoring inspection report for Stowmarket High School

I have pleasure in sharing with you the attached letter from Ofsted following the monitoring inspection that took place at the end of March.

I hope that you will agree that this is a very positive endorsement of the hard work going on in the school to make improvements, led by Ms Hernandez and her team. I would like to thank them for all of the hard work that they are putting in.

Feedback from our students and parents is essential to knowing if we are doing a good job, or not. We are very grateful to everybody who took part in the inspection, whether it be students speaking to the inspector, or parents completing the ParentView survey.

There were many positive comments and some of this is captured in the letter we are sending to you today. We are also very aware of the improvements still needed and are committed to making Stowmarket High a strong and secure school in your eyes and in the judgement of Ofsted. Your feedback on where we need to make further changes is valuable to us and to that end, Ms Hernandez and the senior team are also making use of the parent and pupil surveys we ran before the Easter break.

I was particularly pleased to read in the report that the inspector felt that 'the school environment is calm and purposeful' and that 'leaders and staff are highly visible'. As well as acknowledging that 'in most lessons, pupils learn effectively', the inspector writes that 'pupils are enjoying their time at school more'.

Whilst encouraged by this report, please be assured that the trust, the improvement board and leaders at the school will continue to focus on changing the school for the better.

With our thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Craig M**∮**/rison