

Our ref HHU/dg

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Dear parents/carers

Please find attached a copy of our Ofsted Report following the Short Inspection of The Derby High School on 28 March 2018.

We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised that **we continue to be a good school**. They have acknowledged the good work that we are doing and that the school continues to move forward.

Ofsted were impressed with how your children are polite, welcoming, well-behaved and work effectively with their peers. Furthermore, they praised the positive relationships between staff and pupils. We are particularly proud that Ofsted saw us as an inclusive and caring school, a place where students feel safe and where all are valued.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the fantastic feedback we received from many parents through the online surveys overwhelmingly stating that they would recommend The Derby High School to others. I would also like to highlight the hard work and dedication shown by our staff who are committed to ensuring your child receives the best education.

It was noted that the quality of teaching and learning has resulted in good progress in many subject areas, citing languages and the sciences as two areas where progress is outstanding. Many disadvantaged students also perform better at The Derby High School than do similar students nationally. Our wide variety of learning opportunities was celebrated in the report.

As Ofsted have indicated, we are already working to address the two areas they identified for further improvement.

- Improving students' problem-solving and reasoning skills in mathematics;
- Increasing pupils' overall attendance, especially that of disadvantaged students and those with SEN and/or disabilities.

We are now, as a school, beginning to plan our journey to become an outstanding school and I firmly believe we have the skills and the creativity to achieve this vision when we are next inspected.

Many thanks for your continued support.



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Headteacher

