



Birchwood High School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd January. Inspectors judged Birchwood High School to be 'Good' in all categories, in line with our own self-evaluation and maintaining the standard from our previous inspection.

The report recognises the school's welcoming and inclusive environment, the high expectations we set for our students, and the strong outcomes they achieve (both in examinations and beyond). Inspectors also praised the expertise of our teachers, the effective support for students with SEND, and our extensive careers programme, which ensures students are well-prepared for their next steps.

The areas for development highlighted in the report had already been identified and work is ongoing to address them. We will use the insights from the Ofsted team to strengthen our work in these areas.

I know that a number of you will recognise comments in the report around disruption in some lessons, particularly cover lessons. I would like to reassure you that we are working hard to address this, and we already have evidence of improvement. We also have plans in place to monitor and reduce the impact where we have had to rely on long-term cover.

While they were here the Inspectors made many other positive comments that are not included in the report, including:

- The ongoing work to improve the quality of education that should continue to drive future improvement.
- The very strong pastoral support offered by the school.
- The good behaviour of students outside lessons.
- The school's quick and effective response to concerns of bullying or harassment, discrimination or use of discriminatory language.
- The high aspirations and support provided in the sixth form and the strong positive relationships between sixth form students and their teachers.

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The finding of “good” in all areas is a high standard and recognises the dedication of our staff, students, and wider school community. The report reflects the values we share and the positive atmosphere this creates for our learners. I am incredibly proud to be part of Birchwood and hope you are as well.

Thank you for your ongoing support. The full report can be found

here: https://www.birchwoodhighschool.co.uk/_site/data/files/documents/318E24CF0A0EA3E7BD8439175100F3CE.pdf

Kind Regards,

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