



Wednesday 8th May 2024

Dear families,

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of our recent Ofsted visit in April. The purpose of this visit was to monitor the school's progress and to highlight any improvements made since their last visit in January 2023.

Since I was appointed as Principal, I have been so proud to lead this school community. We have all come through some significant challenges and I am pleased to tell you, that although we still have some way to go, we have achieved a first milestone.

The inspectors recognised the improvements we have made, they commended the "appropriate steps we have made to improve students' behaviour." They welcomed the investment we have made in expanding our senior leadership team and acknowledged that the priorities we have made have put us "on the right path in helping the school to move forward."

We're delighted that the report highlights the "growing impact" our focus on reading, and the wide range of texts we explore, has already made on literacy outcomes, particularly for those students with high attendance.

The inspectors were confident in the work of our devoted safeguarding team and were equally impressed with the progress we have made in the quality of our academic and holistic provision for our students with additional needs. The report acknowledges that "leaders have prioritised this work and implemented several changes to strengthen this area". The impact of our bespoke training to upskill our teaching assistants, and improvement in our parent/carer partnerships were also noted. The inspectors also recognised "the growing consistency in the way staff adapt classroom tasks effectively" and the positive impact of allocating "advocates to champion the specific needs" of our students.

Together, through the successful implementation of our three key values: 'ready, respectful and responsible', and a mutual expectation of "The Right Way" to behave, we have created a culture of kindness and respect. This has been the turning point for our school. Our ethos and values are evidenced as soon as you walk through our gates. It takes time for a culture like ours to embed, and it is testament to you, your children and our dedicated staff that we have achieved these first important steps.

We had encouraging conversations around our plans to improve our overall attendance approach so that every student gets the benefit of all Tudor Grange Academy Kingshurst has to offer. Our extended curriculum offers a wide range of subjects to engage our students' interests and our array of popular extracurricular activities, including our enviable list of overseas trips, has been influenced largely by your children. We have such capable students, and we will continue to develop our overall provision to ensure our school is an exciting and vibrant place to learn and flourish.

Whilst we are pleased with the progress we have made; we now want to push for better. We know there are considerable challenges ahead, particularly in improving overall attendance, but we also know we have laid strong foundations to support our rapid improvement drive.

We are actively looking for quality teachers and non-teaching staff that will add value to our school, and we have made some fantastic appointments for September. We remain steadfast in our recruitment approach that anyone considering joining us must share our vision and values and have the desire to make a positive difference to every student.

I want to reiterate my sincere gratitude to you and your children for the part you have played in supporting us so far and I hope that you will continue to help, enjoy, and be proud of our improvement journey.

Yours sincerely,

Nicola Crehan
Principal