

6th June 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Inspection Report

Further to our Ofsted inspection on the 5th and 6th of March 2024, we can now share the report with you, which will be published on the Ofsted website on Monday. Overall, the school is still judged as 'Requires Improvement' but with an improved rating for Leadership and Management to 'Good' due to the strengthening of leadership at all levels since the last inspection in 2022. Our new Sixth Form has also been rated as 'Good' where teachers have 'strong subject knowledge' with 'impressive support for students' mental health and wellbeing'. The personal development for pupils is also judged to be 'Good' and is seen by the inspectorate as a 'strength of the school' where 'the personal, social, health and economic curriculum is well structured. It is closely linked to pupils' needs. Pupils learn about healthy relationships and how to stay safe.'

It is pleasing that Ofsted have noted the improvements to behaviour since the last inspection and that the school is now in a place where 'most pupils understand and follow the school's clear behaviour expectations in lessons. The school is generally calm and orderly. Pupils usually treat each other and staff with respect'. We acknowledge though there is still a need to work with a minority of pupils to help them to have a more positive outlook on their academic work, and as such behaviour is still judged as 'Requires Improvement'. We are on a positive trajectory with improving behaviour and we think we are a few months away from securing 'Good' behaviour across all key stages. Despite achieving positive exam outcomes for pupils in the past 2 years placing the school in the top third for achievement and progress in the local area, Ofsted identified some inconsistent teaching at Key Stage 3 and therefore have judged the Quality of Education as 'Requires Improvement'. We have a clear plan in place to quickly sort this out and make sure the quality of education is consistent across all key stages at the school. Furthermore, we've got good collaboration going with our partner school in Knowledge Schools Trust, the West London Free School, which will develop further over the next 12 months.

Ofsted's view is that 'Leaders across the school want the best for pupils. They know what needs to be improved. Progress has been made in some areas. The school and the trust recognise that the school is not yet where it should be. They know there is work to do to gain the full confidence of parents. Therefore, as a Trust and school we have an accurate view of what needs to be done to further improve the school. We are really pleased with the positive impact Mr Wilson has made since his start in April, and we have every confidence that the school will significantly improve further, and not only will we achieve a better Ofsted inspection

judgement in short time, but we will continue to achieve positive outcomes for all pupils which will improve year by year.

We would like to share with parents our plans to further improve the school over the next year at a parent information evening on Thursday 13th June from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. We would be grateful if parents can take the time to attend this presentation, but we will also share the presentation by parent mail after the event.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hywel Jones', written in a cursive style.

Hywel Jones

Director of Secondary Education – Knowledge Schools Trust