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OFSTED REPORT FOR HAMMERSMITH ACADEMY - MARCH 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to share with you the Ofsted report which details the findings from their visit to Hammersmith Academy on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th January 2022. We urge you to read it in detail as it is a fantastic reflection on the dedication and hard work of the staff and students at the Academy and a true reflection of the governors and my vision for delivering an excellent education for our community.

The extremely talented team of teachers and staff have impressed the inspectors not only for their determination for students to succeed but the fact that the 'culture of aspiration' is evident throughout the Academy. To attain this judgement with the new Ofsted framework and high standards set by the Ofsted regimen makes the comments and result even more satisfying.

I am proud that the report recognises on so many levels the impact of our hard work and drive to assure the best opportunities for our students. This external validation on top of the amazing things said by our students go to make Hammersmith Academy such a harmonious and welcoming school.

It is great that Ofsted highlighted the outstanding work of our support staff as well as our teachers during the pandemic, our quick transition to efficient and highly effective online learning, and additionally, how we dealt collectively with the two lockdowns and subsequent periods of education since. Also, the incredible levels of support provided to all students no matter their needs or starting points in their learning journey.

The recognition given to our once again blossoming additional curriculum and after school activities is great to read. This has always been an important part of the Academy's ambition. We are increasingly offering these opportunities as part of our students' personal development and to add to the broad education that we know you value as parents.

The inspectors commented upon the students' positive experience of the strong pastoral support provided by the Academy. We are assured by the confidence that students place in our staff where their best interests are central to every decision and how we always try to build the trust in them and others.



We know there is always more to do. We continue to review and further develop our curriculum, teaching and learning and wider personal development and ensure that the school systems are in place to guide and support our efforts to achieve excellence.

Please take time to share the report with your children and those in the wider community. We should all be proud of the standards attained. Further, do share your thanks with my brilliant staff team, both past and present, that have shouldered the responsibilities through the pandemic and Covid disruptions. Please do this in person, by email, letter or phone.

Finally, thank you for all your support and trust in us. It makes a huge difference in fuelling our desires to attain the best for every student and as the inspectors' said, continue to build upon the kind and thoughtful ethos rooted in respect.

Yours faithfully,

Gary Kynaston

Headteacher