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OFSTED report published
Outwood Academy City Fields- A 'good' school

Dear Parent/Carer

We are absolutely delighted to write to you following OFSTED's inspection of Outwood Academy City Fields on 1 and 2 March 2022. This is the first inspection of the school since it joined the Outwood Grange Family of Schools and Outwood Academy City Fields has been judged as a good school.

As leaders, we have always been determined to provide a good education for the Wakefield community and we are pleased that this has been validated by the Inspection Team, led by one of Her Majesty's Inspectors.

The Inspection Team recognised that, "at Outwood Academy City Fields, the curriculum is organised in such a way as to encourage pupils to aim high and achieve highly." The Inspection Team questioned students about their lessons and students identified that, "teachers help them to remember what they learned last lesson, and how that connects to what they will be learning in this lesson." Ofsted recognised that, "Teachers have strong subject knowledge, and present new learning with clarity. They are effective in checking that pupils have understood" their learning. Indeed, a particular note was made of the LIFE curriculum and the students' wider curriculum: "Leaders' 'Life' curriculum provides pupils with ample opportunities to learn about the community and world around them. An effective careers programme is in place, and the school meets the requirements of the Baker Clause."

At City Fields we have focused on building a strong foundation for students to grow and progress. The Inspectors recognised this and said: "Leaders have made reading a priority. In particular, they have introduced appropriate schemes to support the weakest readers, and those for whom English is not their first language. These schemes are effective in helping pupils to quickly catch up with their reading."

When reviewing student behaviour, Inspectors observed that, "most pupils behave well most of the time towards each other, their staff and visitors" and that "many pupils behave well, showing respect for each other and their staff. These pupils conduct themselves well in class and around the school."

The report can be read here: <https://www.cityfields.outwood.com/ofsted-and-performance>

Since the inspection visit, we have been busy working on the areas for development that were identified and we have already made improvements in these areas.

We are determined to do all we can to continue to transform the school further as the school community rapidly grows. Ofsted recognised the significant impact that the Covid pandemic has had, and still continues to have, on our community. I would ask that we all redouble our efforts to support your children to not only catch-up but excel as we move forward. Regular attendance, good behaviour and being ready to learn are vital to ensure we don't waste a single minute in helping your child to succeed.

This report reflects the positive journey of improvement the school is on. We would like to thank all staff, academy leaders and members of Academy Council for their hard work and commitment to our school and community.

We would also like to thank you, as parents and carers, for your ongoing support of the school. Working together helps us to make the difference for all of our students.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Colledge-Smith', written in a cursive style.

Michelle Colledge-Smith
Principal