

Dear students and parents/carers,

I am writing to inform you that we have received notice of an Ofsted inspection and to let you know what to expect during the four day visit.

As a college with a previous outstanding judgement, we have been expecting the call for quite some time and we think that the college is in a strong position to retain this status. There will be four inspectors on site from Tuesday 16th May to Friday 19th May and we anticipate that they will want to visit lots of lessons, tutorials and enrichment events and they will definitely want to ask students and staff some questions. A strong focus of the new framework is personal development both in and out of the classroom, so it is highly likely that the inspectors will want to hear about students' experiences beyond the core curriculum. This could include anything from visiting speakers, trips, careers guidance in and out of lessons and work experience, to clubs and societies, sport, music, competitions, dance, drama and volunteering. It's worth having a think about this and checking that your ILP is up to date. Remember that enrichment happens in lessons too – teamwork and communication counts!

Parents and carers, we have been asked to send you a link to a survey and we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to answer the questions. The deadline for this is 11am on Wed 17 May so you don't have long.

STUDENTS

Ofsted is inspecting our provision on 16 May 2023 to 19 May 2023 and would welcome your views. You can do this by completing Ofsted's online learner questionnaire:

<https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/LearnerView/10218947>

Your views are important to Ofsted and will help inspectors understand your experiences of our provision. Please take the time to give your views.

The questionnaire will close at 11am on 17 May 2023 to give inspectors time to consider the responses.

PARENTS/CARERS

Ofsted is inspecting our provision on 16 May 2023 to 19 May 2023 and would welcome your views. You can do this by completing Ofsted's online parents and carers questionnaire:

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Students, you may have been shown a video from me in your lessons, but if not please take a few minutes to watch it before the inspection using the link below. There are a few simple things that you can do that may help if you are spoken to by an inspector.

[LINK](#)

I have no doubt that the inspectors will witness a calm, purposeful, positive atmosphere wherever they go, but please make sure that the following college routines are closely followed throughout the two days:

- Be in the class and ready to start on time
- Wear your college ID around your neck at all times
- Bring an organised folder of information, work and assessments to all lessons
- Make us proud of your general conduct and use of appropriate language in and around college.

Finally from me, remember that you don't need to be concerned about giving the 'right answer' to an Ofsted inspector. The college is outstanding because of the people who study and work together every day, and the relationships between them. If you can be polite, helpful and open to discussion, that is good enough.

I will let you know how the inspection has gone when we have received feedback, however the official judgement will have to wait until the report is published.

Yours sincerely

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

Vicky Marks
Principal