

Dear Parents

Ofsted Inspection, May 2015

As you will doubtless be aware, we have recently been inspected by Ofsted. I am delighted to be able to provide you with a copy of their report. We have also placed a copy on our website, and I am advised the report will be published on Ofsted's website on Monday 8th June. If you would like access to this report in any other format, please do not hesitate to let us know.

The inspection team judged that overall, "*St Margaret's is a good school*" – and, indeed, that every aspect of our work is "*good*". You will see that there are a number of very encouraging comments in the report, such as:

- "*The quality of teaching is good*", and "*sometimes its impact on students' achievement is outstanding*";
- "*The behaviour and safety of pupils are good*" and "*Students are very confident that members of staff are quick to deal with any problems and that they are certain to be resolved*";
- "*Leadership and management are good*"; "*School leaders [...] have implemented effective programmes for professional development*";
- "*Students start Year 7 with standards that are typically above average and make good progress through the school*"; and
- "*The Sixth Form is good*", and post-16 "*achievement is good overall*".

Ofsted have also given us some advice as to what we need to do to improve further – that is, how we can meet their criteria to be judged an 'outstanding' school. We are in the process of putting together our 2015/2016 Academy Improvement Plan and Ofsted's advice will form a central part of that document.

The excellent report we have received is testimony to the hard work of very, very many members of staff here – teachers and support staff alike. I would like to pay a very public tribute to the whole team here for their tireless work in ensuring your child receives a great education; and I would also like to thank you, as parents, for your support and encouragement along the way.

As you know, I have been in post here for just shy of two years now; it has been an enormous privilege to build on the tremendous foundations left to me by my predecessors (to whom I am also very grateful), and I am confident St Margaret's will continue to grow from strength to strength in the months and years ahead.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Brierley
Principal