

## **Subject: Celebrating our Ofsted report – A proud moment for Parkside Community School**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted to share with you that Ofsted has now published its inspection report following its visit to Parkside Community School in June 2026. This report recognises the significant improvements that have taken place in our school and reflects the dedication, commitment and hard work of our students, staff, governors, trust team and wider school community. It is a significant endorsement of Parkside and recognises the strength of the education, care and support that our students experience every day.

The report highlights that Parkside meets the **Expected Standard** in Attendance and Behaviour, Curriculum and Teaching, Inclusion, Leadership and Governance, and Personal Development and Wellbeing, with safeguarding judged to be effective and fully meeting statutory requirements.

There is much within the report of which we can be exceptionally proud. Inspectors recognised the significant improvements the school has made in recent years and highlighted:

- A caring culture where students feel safe, valued and well supported
- Effective teaching across a well-designed curriculum
- Students who work well together in a positive learning community; they delight in the many ways the school recognises and celebrates their success
- Markedly improved attendance and a dramatic reduction in suspensions related to poor behaviour
- Strong provision for students with SEND and disadvantaged students
- Positive relationships between students and staff
- Highly effective pastoral care and a strong personal development programme that prepares students well for life beyond school
- Staff who share a strong moral purpose to support all students

We were particularly pleased that inspectors recognised the strength of our ethos, noting that staff take time to understand students' individual circumstances and that students appreciate the support they receive both academically and pastorally. In the words of the Lead Inspector on the final day, 'what a great school!'.

As with any inspection, the report also identifies areas where we can improve further. Ofsted's main recommendations are to ensure that learning activities consistently provide sufficient challenge for all students, particularly those who are ready to study concepts in greater depth, and to continue refining our support for students whose handwriting needs further development.

We fully accept these recommendations. This work is already underway, and the report acknowledges that teaching and achievement are improving because of the changes introduced over recent years. Nevertheless, we are ambitious for every student and remain committed to delivering excellence for them.

**You can read the full report here:**

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/149370>

I would like to thank all parents and carers for the support you have shown the school throughout my time as Headteacher. Your partnership is incredibly important. I would also like to thank our wonderful students, whose conduct, honesty and pride in their school shone throughout the inspection process, and our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly every day to improve the life chances of the young people we serve.

This report marks a positive milestone for Parkside. While we are proud of what has been achieved, we are even more excited about what comes next. We will continue to work relentlessly to ensure that every student receives the very best education and opportunities possible.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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