



High School

## Cheslyn Hay Sport and Community High School

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Dear Parents

Just before the summer holidays the school was inspected and a copy of the Ofsted report of the inspection is now available, via our website or through the Ofsted website.

The report states that the school Requires Improvement, and as you can imagine we are very disappointed by this judgement, but this is largely due to the changes in the performance criteria, looking at two very specific data targets. The report, we feel, does not do the school justice or reflect the day-to-day experience in our school; however, we recognise the need for students to make even more rapid progress.

During the Inspection, the team saw clear evidence of the improvements we have made in improving standards of attainment, which are in line with national average. They saw a number of examples of good and outstanding teaching and recognised the potential of the changes that have already been made to strengthen leadership and management. However, their view was that the school requires improvement because these changes have not yet had enough impact on ensuring good provision for all groups of students and provision is not always as consistent as it should be.

Through our own self-evaluation process, we were already aware of the areas for improvement identified by Ofsted and have been working on these areas for the last two years. We have worked with external consultants, teaching schools and, more recently, the Windsor Academy Trust to ensure that we are making rapid improvements in these key areas. We are pleased to say that this year's results showed an improvement in all the areas that the inspection team had identified, whilst maintaining the percentage of students achieving passes in English and maths.

During 2017/18 we have:

- Introduced a new Teaching and Learning policy, with a focus on differentiation
- Embedded the Marking and Assessment policy, including marking for literacy
- Introduced a Presentation Policy
- Continued to work with Arthur Terry Teaching Alliance and other external consultant to validate the improvements and the work of the leadership team in the school
- Introduced a planned programme of intervention for students, identified as disadvantaged
- Had an external review of our provision for the most able

In 2018/19 we have already:

- Launched a new programme for the higher ability students
- Introduced compulsory intervention sessions for Key Stage 4 students who are not in line with their aspirational targets
- Reviewed the approach to behaviour and are redrafting the Behaviour Policy – the new policy will be effective from November 2018.

I can assure you that I will do everything in my power to continue to raise achievement and attainment, as will all members of staff. The strategic plans that we have put in place already will continue to be embedded and enhanced to ensure that we are achieving the very best for your children. Underpinning this, we will continue to develop the whole child, and those values and principles that we hold dear at Cheslyn Hay. We take pride in being a caring and supportive school where relationships are outstanding and your children are supported to become positive members of our community and are able to flourish when they leave school. We cannot do this alone and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and carers who support our work and if you have any further questions about the report or wish to see the school in action, please contact the school.

Yours sincerely

N F Crookshank  
Headteacher