

25th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted inspection of Cliff Park Ormiston Academy

I hope you are keeping well, and that your child has settled into the new school year well.

I am writing to update you on the outcome of our most recent Ofsted monitoring inspection that took place on the 18th July 2023.

We are pleased to share that Ofsted has recognised the impact of the work we have undertaken to introduce swift and effective improvement, and to raise the standard of education we are delivering. As further work is still needed to build on the progress achieved to date, our judgement remains at 'Requires Improvement' overall.

I would encourage you to read the report in full, which is available on our website, and demonstrates the positive progress we have made since we were inspected in October 2022. In particular, Ofsted noted that "the precision of our plans and the constant review and adaptations we are making, means we have secured a solid foundation to move forward from".

We will of course continue to work tirelessly to make the recommended improvements in order to maintain this upward trajectory. This includes delivering a consistently high-quality curriculum in every subject, with Ofsted recognising the positive work we are undertaking to achieve this.

Throughout the report, Ofsted inspectors praise a number of areas where our academy is providing excellent education opportunities for all our students. This includes:

- The careful plans which we have put in place to ensure "students get a consistent experience in the classroom and teachers plan engaging lessons."
- Lessons are well-structured to ensure teaching staff "help to improve students understanding" enabling them to be successful in their learning.
- Furthermore, inspectors noted how teaching methods are more effective and are supporting students to build knowledge over time.
- Ofsted recognised how the academy has "completely reviewed how they support students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)." As a result, teachers have been well trained to support students in overcoming barriers and to engage well in their learning ensuring, that "students with SEND are now able to access the full curriculum alongside their peers."
- Inspectors praised the significant improvement that has been made to student behaviour, recognising how there are now strong behavioural expectations which are met and routines which are followed. They remarked that the school is calm and orderly. Everyone's efforts in turning around behaviour at the academy has helped to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for everyone at our academy to enjoy.

- The changes to the curriculum enable students to learn about responsibility and looking out for each other as well as encouraging them to carefully consider others' feelings and emotions. This is having a positive impact.

Moving forward, with the ongoing support of Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT) and our whole school community, we will continue our ambitious improvement journey to ensure our academy is providing the very best education and opportunities for our students.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to share my appreciation for how welcoming and supportive you have been since I started as Headteacher over a year ago now. It is a privilege leading our school and I want to assure you of my commitment to working tirelessly to continue to drive improvement for our everyone at our academy.

Yours sincerely

Harry French

Principal
Cliff Park Ormiston Academy