



The Crossley Heath School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Ofsted Inspection - Report

We hope you have enjoyed a good summer with your family. It has been lovely to welcome our students back in September, in particular our new Year 7 and Year 12 students.

The school underwent a section 5 Ofsted inspection on July 3rd and 4th 2023 and we now have pleasure in sharing the final Ofsted report which finds that the school is a 'Good' school overall, with high quality provision and many and varied strengths. You can find the report attached.

In line with an intention to reduce the national proportion of 'Outstanding' schools, the current Ofsted framework is particularly challenging in relation to the achievement of the 'Outstanding' grade. Under this framework, a high proportion of previously 'Outstanding' schools, including many grammar schools, are now deemed to be 'Good'.

The school was last inspected in 2011 and our provision and ethos are now stronger than at the time the school was last inspected. In this context, we are pleased to be deemed to be 'Good'.

You will note there are two areas for further improvement highlighted by the inspectors. We had already identified these and they are included in our school improvement priorities. Our Trustees are further working on the Vision and Strategy for the school going forward and have considered the findings of the Ofsted inspection.

There is much to celebrate in the report. We are very pleased that inspectors describe us as an 'inclusive school' where 'staff care for pupils [which] makes them feel valued', and 'pupils know they are well looked after in this kind and supportive environment'. Other highlights include:

- Pupils can learn in a calm and purposeful atmosphere where their high academic aspirations can be fulfilled
- Pupils and sixth formers benefit from an ambitious curriculum
- Leaders have united all staff in developing a culture where pupils manage their behaviour exceptionally well
- Those who join from different schools [in sixth form] are warmly welcomed
- Staff enjoy working at this inclusive school



An "Outstanding" School – Ofsted

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We are particularly delighted that they have applauded our wonderful students for their exemplary attitudes and conduct:

- Pupils show respect
- Pupils are polite and articulate
- They interact with others in a warm and considerate manner
- They are proud to attend the school

As always, we are very proud of them; they are an enormous credit to the school and to their families.

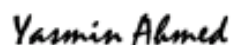
We are also very proud of our staff who work incredibly hard to ensure our students receive excellent provision and care.

We would also thank all parents and carers for your unstinting support and the role you play in making this such an exceptional school community.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Lynnette Cassidy
Headteacher



Mrs Yasmin Ahmed
Chair of Trustees