

27th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 25th and 26th February 2025.

The report we have received is nothing short of exceptional.

As an ungraded (Section 8) inspection, its purpose was to determine whether standards at Madeley School remain good, and the answer could not be clearer. The inspectors found that the school **“may have improved significantly across all areas”** since our last inspection. As a result, we will now receive a full graded (Section 5) inspection in the near future.

But most significantly, and I say this with genuine emotion and deep pride, the inspection team noted that, **had this been a full Section 5 inspection under the framework in place before September 2024, Madeley School would have been judged ‘Outstanding’ in all areas, with no areas for improvement.** This is an extraordinary affirmation of the quality, consistency and impact of our provision. It is a truly remarkable and humbling recognition of the impact of our school.

The report paints a vivid picture of what we experience every day in our corridors and classrooms: that **Madeley is a school where young people flourish and thrive**, and where a culture of care, ambition and excellence underpins everything we do. Our students were described as **“motivated and resilient”**, achieving **“beyond expectations”** and speaking with pride and confidence about their school. They were praised for their excellent behaviour, positivity, and maturity, words which reflect not just how they are seen externally, but the values they live every day.

Inspectors highlighted our **“ambitious and exciting curriculum,”** the **“superb support for pupils with SEND”**, and our **“exceptional approach to personal development”**. From reading and literacy to careers, character, enrichment and pastoral care, **every aspect of school life was celebrated.**

None of this would be possible without our **incredible students**, your children, who bring energy, character, kindness and determination into our school each and every day. They were, quite rightly, the stars of the inspection. The inspectors saw what we already know to be true: that Madeley pupils are **articulate, aspirational, respectful and proud.** They spoke with confidence about their learning, their future ambitions, and the pride they feel in being part of this community. Whether through their academic achievements, the way they support one another even when things go wrong, or their involvement in wider school life, our students embody the values we hold dear, and it is an absolute privilege to lead a school filled with such outstanding young people.

They also recognised the strength of our leadership, governance, and the contribution of every member of staff, from teachers and teaching assistants to our pastoral team, site team, catering staff, admin team, attendance colleagues, and cleaners. My sincere thanks go to every member of staff, whose tireless work, clarity and understanding of our vision, and relentless commitment have driven the transformation seen and felt across the school. I would also like to thank our Academy Council, and our Shaw Education Trust colleagues and Chair of Trustees for their strategic guidance and unwavering belief in us.

This moment belongs to all of us. I am incredibly proud and genuinely grateful for the part you play in making Madeley School the very special place that it is. I want to recognise and thank you, our **parents and carers**. Your ongoing support, encouragement, and partnership continue to play an essential role in everything we achieve. Your feedback, involvement, and trust in our work create the strong home-school relationship that underpins your children's success.

Please note that this letter contains reflections not only from the published Ofsted report, but also from the verbal feedback meetings held with the inspection team during and after the inspection. These meetings provided additional insight, affirmation, and cause for celebration. Please do take a moment to read the full Ofsted report, which has been sent to you, is available on our website and the Ofsted portal. I hope you read it with the same joy, pride, and excitement that I did.

Madeley School continues to go from strength to strength. With continued belief in our values, our unity, ambition, and confidence, we look forward to the next chapter of **inspiring excellence**, together.

Yours sincerely,



Lee Nixon
Principal



