



Montgomery High School

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Mutual Respect, Ambition and Learning

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Dear Parent/Carer

Re: OFSTED Inspection

As you are aware an OFSTED inspection team came to school on March 21st and 22nd. The OFSTED report is now available on the OFSTED website, and there is also a link to it on our website. Before OFSTED arrived, we judged ourselves as still needing to improve.

The report states quite clearly that the education we provide is not yet good. This agreed with our own self-evaluation, but it also states that a number of areas have already improved, and school leaders have the capacity to further improve the school. In other words, OFSTED feels that we are on our journey to becoming a 'Good' school.

Montgomery's recent OFSTED reflected the school leaders' view of the school. Just over 2 years ago, as you know, the school was in Special Measures, and the report clearly indicates that the school has the capacity to improve on its journey to becoming a 'Good' school, and once again become a shining beacon of quality for Bispham and North Shore.

The Inspectors confirmed that the Principal and staff at the school have already put in place a number of strategies that have seen improvements in many areas. Behaviour has improved, outcomes have improved, and teaching has improved. 'As a result, pupils are making better progress than was the case previously' the report said'.

OFSTED Inspectors spent 2 days with our Montgomery Family. They told us that we clearly have the capacity to continue to improve the school, and highlighted many positives. We will be relentless in our pursuit of excellence. We know where we need to make quick progress in our aim to be a consistently good school. It is my job over the coming years to ensure the good practice, that is clearly highlighted in this report, is seen consistently in every aspect of our work. For example, the improvements in English and Science need to be replicated across the whole curriculum, which was seen as a strength of the school.

OFSTED clearly has confidence that the school can develop further.

In the report:-

- They recognised that Leaders' actions to ensure that pupils experience a good quality of education have brought about improvements since the previous inspection.
- They indicated the school has already reviewed its strategy for disadvantaged students and is now implementing it.
- They were pleased with leaders' accurate view of teaching.
- The vast majority of our parents would recommend the school.
- They highlighted the school's recent launch of 'Silent Time', PRIDE and the excellent work of our anti-bullying ambassadors in helping the school develop a family ethos.
- They referred to school leaders having high expectations of behaviour, which has already improved.

After an inspection, a school always reflects on its progress. We were already aware of the areas that require robust and fast improvement, and I can assure you the parents/carers, and local community, that we will make it happen. We will particularly be concentrating on improving the quality of teaching and learning, and the behaviour and work ethic of all our students.

We are here to provide the best education we can. I thank you for your unwavering support in helping us to improve the school over the last two years. I assure you the improvement journey will continue at pace.

Yours in partnership,

Mr S. Careless (Principal)