

Dear Parents/Carers,

A school transformed.

It is a genuine privilege that my first letter to you as Headteacher is one of such celebration and pride.

Following our Ofsted inspection on 30 June 2026, I am delighted to share the final report with you. It describes a school that has been transformed: a school where students are safe, happy and proud to belong; where expectations are high; and where achievement, attendance and behaviour have improved significantly.

Ofsted judged attendance and behaviour, inclusion, and leadership and governance to be at the strong standard. Safeguarding standards were also confirmed as being met.

The report recognises that:

- attendance is now above the national average;
- students are calm, respectful and positive about their learning;
- inclusion is central to the school's work, with students valued and supported regardless of the challenges they face;
- examination results have improved markedly;
- disadvantaged students and those with SEND often achieve as well as their peers;
- staff care deeply for our students while maintaining extremely high expectations; and
- parents and carers recognise the school's improvement and speak positively about its communication.

Perhaps the most powerful section of the report is its description of what it is like to be a student at Birkenhead Park School. Inspectors found that students' experiences have "improved dramatically" and that they learn in a calm, caring and ambitious environment. They recognised the trust our students place in staff, the high-quality work they produce and the broad range of opportunities available to them.

This is what a transformed school looks like: strong relationships, consistent expectations, excellent attendance, improving outcomes and a community in which every student is known, valued and encouraged to succeed.

Having worked at Birkenhead Park School for 25 years, I know how significant this transformation is. I have seen the school grow and improve, and I am enormously proud to become Headteacher at such an important point in its journey. This report belongs to our whole community. It reflects the hard work of our students, the commitment of our staff, the leadership of those who have driven the school forward and the trust and support of our families.

We are proud, but we are not complacent. We will continue to raise academic standards while protecting the care, inclusion and sense of belonging that make our school so special. Our students deserve the very best, and that will remain our non-negotiable expectation. ***The continued support of our families—particularly in promoting excellent attendance, the completion of homework and our high standards of uniform—will be essential as we move forward together.*** Thank you for the part you have played in our journey and for your continued support. I hope you will read the report and share in the pride we feel for our students, our staff and our transformed school.

Yours faithfully,

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