



## Evelyn Grace Academy

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I am writing to update you on Ofsted's recent inspection of the Academy. As you know, in September 2012, Ofsted graded the Academy as Requires Improvement. On their return inspection, the Inspectors recognised that tremendous and rapid progress has been made. As such we have now been upgraded to "**A Good School**" in all categories.

This is a remarkable achievement in such a short time and we are all, quite rightly, very proud of our students and the important role you as parents play in working with us to ensure your child has a good education.

### **Achievement of pupils - Good**

- "The Academy's leaders rigorously monitor students' progress".
- "Students supported by the pupil premium make good progress as a result of the additional support they are given".
- "The Academy's more-able students do well and make good progress. This is because teachers raise students aspirations".

### **The quality of teaching - Good**

- "Teaching in most subjects in the Academy, including English and mathematics, is good". This is because teachers plan lessons carefully so that students are able to build on what they already know and to make sure that students make good progress over their time at the Academy.
- "Lessons in the Academy are characterised by high expectations and very good relationships between teachers and students"
- "Students work well in class. They often work in pairs to instil confidence and to try out ideas".
- "They support each other to do better and to improve".

### **The behaviour and safety of pupils - Good**

- "The behaviour of students is good. Students have good attitudes to learning".
- "They take pride in their work and their books are well presented".
- "Students are encouraged to take responsibility in the Academy. For example, older students mentor younger students in mathematics and reading".

- "Students say that they are proud of the Academy"
- "The Academy's work to keep students safe and secure is outstanding "

**The leadership and management are –Good**

- "The Principal has ensured that good relationships have been developed between students and teachers".
- "The Academy's leaders have an accurate awareness of what the Academy is doing well"
- "The Academy has strong subject leaders".
- "The Academy ensures achievement across the Academy is consistently good".
- "The Academy's Governors know the Academy well and they hold leaders to account for their decisions"

As you can see we have made rapid improvements to give your child the opportunity to be successful at Evelyn Grace Academy.

We still have some area that needs attention, for example, students' writing sometimes let them down, and so we have to develop their literacy skills across all subject areas. Another area is students responding to advice given by teachers through marking. These areas will be addressed during the rest of this and next term.

In summary, we have made great strides of improvement as highlighted by the Chief Inspector Sir Michael Wilshaw. "We have demonstrated that a school can turn around in a short time".

Evelyn Grace Academy is making Good to Outstanding progress and the Ofsted team witnessed this whilst they were here.

It is my aim to ensure that every Evelyn Grace student enjoys outstanding opportunities to be successful across the curriculum and I am delighted that our entire staff body are working so hard to achieve this.

If you would like to read the full Ofsted report, please visit our website on [www.evelyngraceacademy.org](http://www.evelyngraceacademy.org).

Finally, I hope you and your families enjoy the Easter break and we look forward to see our students return to the Academy at 08.30am on Tuesday, 22 April 2014.

Yours Sincerely



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