



LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

Dear parents and carers

I hope you have had a lovely Easter. As you know, we had another visit from Ofsted before Easter and the report has now been published. You can read it [here](#).

There is much to celebrate in the report. There are positive references to lots of things including, for example: “exceptionally high” exam results; students valuing the “care and support” they receive; a “vast range of trips and visits”; “exceptional attitudes to learning”; students with SEND “achieving well” because of the support they receive; “high expectations of behaviour”; “highly motivated” students; and the wide range of experiences we offer that “foster a sense of community, belonging and teamwork”.

The Sixth Form comes in for particularly special praise and has been judged to be ‘outstanding’. This is very well-deserved and a real testament to Mrs Jennings and her amazing team in the Sixth Form.

At the same time, we must confess to being rather surprised by the ‘good’ grade for the main school. The Ofsted team who visited [last year](#) clearly indicated that we should expect to receive an ‘outstanding’ judgement, which is a view that has been supported by all the various experts who have carried out quality assurance activities for us in recent years. To be fair to them, this team of inspectors did their best in the time available, but trying to accurately evaluate every single area of a large school like ours in such a short space of time is an extremely difficult job and it’s unfortunately not unusual to see this kind of inconsistency.

We’ve probably been a little unlucky on this occasion, but it certainly won’t change our principles or priorities. We will continue to focus our efforts on delivering excellent academic outcomes, providing a rich extra-curricular programme and developing socially responsible young citizens. We are very proud of the progress made as a school in these areas over the past few years and we will keep working as hard as we can to make things even better.

I’d like to finish with the most sincere thanks for your support. The feedback we had from parents and carers during the process was heart-warming and we remain extremely grateful for the backing we receive all year round from you. This means as much to us as anything and it will always be an absolute pleasure to work in this community, with this particular group of young people and their families.

Kind regards

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