

12 December 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Re Ofsted report, 2024

I am writing to let you know that the Ofsted Inspection Report for Tiverton High School has been published today and is attached as a separate document. It will be on our website tomorrow.

You will see unfortunately, that it makes very disappointing reading and highlights a number of areas where the inspection team felt the school needs to improve. Leaders at the school have accepted these judgements and are determined to implement a range of measures to address the areas for improvement identified. The report is a snapshot in time but we understand and are clear that, at the time of inspection, what the Ofsted team saw was not good enough.

There are some positives to take away from the report: the team praised the wide range of extra-curricular opportunities that students value, their pride in their achievements and the impact of the PSHE and Careers programme. However, in other areas - notably attendance, behaviour and the quality of education - there is much more work to be done. I would like to reassure all parents and carers that this work has already started and that I have the experience and capability to take these essential steps forward. Having met the staff and students at Tiverton, I am also confident that, as a team, we will be able to make rapid progress in some areas whilst acknowledging that others will take a bit more time.

I am looking forward to working with you, with the dedicated team here at Tiverton High School and with my colleagues in our wider networks to address these issues and move forwards swiftly, positively and with resolve.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the meeting on Wednesday 11th December. I will send out the FAQs and will hold more listening events in the New Year.

The next step is to get to work quickly on the improvement plan and implement it in the New Year.

Yours sincerely



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