



“Success For All”

NETHERHALL LEARNING CAMPUS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, our school was visited by OFSTED inspectors earlier this term. It was noted by the inspectors that the school has made significant changes and improvements following the prior inspection in 2018.

We are pleased to report that the inspectors found that safe guarding was effective and that ‘Pupils feel safe’. Pupils also reported that they are ‘happy to be in school’, ‘enjoy their lesson and want to do well’. The report acknowledges that the ‘Pupils behave very well in their lessons’, that bullying is rare and that when it does occur, the school deals with it. The report is also clear that ‘Pupils’ behaviour is good.’ Behaviour around the school, and in lessons, is calm and orderly. Pupils know there are clear routines to follow and they adhere to them’.

The inspection report also highlighted the work the school undertaken since the 2018 inspection stating:

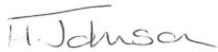
- Netherhall Learning Campus High School is an improving place to learn.
- The school has high expectations of all pupils.
- The school has worked hard to improve lessons so the order in which they are taught makes sense to pupils. Leaders are doing their best to make sure pupils get the best possible experiences.
- There is support for pupils to help them to reach their learning goals.
- The curriculum offer has been reviewed and changed. This is helping pupils to remember important knowledge. Teachers check pupils’ understanding regularly. This helps pupils to recall important knowledge.
- Frameworks for learning in subjects are helping some pupils with SEND to access the full curriculum. In science and geography for example, these frameworks help pupils to organise and complete their work.
- The school makes sure those who have fallen behind with their reading are identified early. Barriers to reading are identified for each individual pupil. Interventions are helping pupils improve their reading. This approach is working, as now, fewer pupils than in the past miss other lessons to catch up with their reading.
- Pupils’ wider development is a strength of the school. There are lots of extra and high-quality curricular activities during break times, lunchtimes and after school. Many pupils take advantage of these. Along with a high-quality personal development curriculum, these opportunities ensure pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is an important part of pupils’ experiences.
- The school has put in place a clear programme of careers advice and guidance for pupils.
- The school provides lots of activities, which pupils enjoy. Many pupils, including those who are disadvantaged and those with special educational needs and/or disabilities, (SEND), take advantage of these opportunities.
- The small sixth form offers a unique curriculum to students which is arts-based. The school tracks the progress of sixth form students so they can be supported if they fall behind in their studies.

The inspection made note of the significant challenges and barriers to learning that Netherhall Learning Campus faces on a daily basis and made references that although the majority of students are receiving the educational and pastoral support to progress, some students are missing out and need more.

To meet the challenges moving forward, we need your help. Attendance is below average and because there is a direct link between attainment and attendance at school, we urge all our parents and carers to do what they can to support us by making sure students are here on time every day. If we are to address student gaps in learning and make them the independent learners we want them to be, we need to see and work with them every day.

The staff and Governors at the High School would like to thank those of you who completed the parent view questionnaire; many of whom expressed support for what the school is doing. We value your input and support moving forward and we realise that without your support student behaviour and attitudes would not have seen such positive comments. The full report can be viewed through our website.

Yours faithfully,



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Head of School



Michael Kent
Principal of Netherhall Learning Campus