

25th March 2019

Dear parents and carers,

I am delighted to inform you that following our recent Ofsted inspection, Ipswich Academy has been judged as **Good** overall with an **Outstanding** rating for leadership and management.

The result of this inspection is due to the hard work and dedication of the staff and students backed up by the fantastic support that we have had from parents, carers and the wider community. We should all be very proud of this great achievement.

I have attached the full report to this letter and it is also available on the school website. The report is overwhelmingly positive, so I have extracted some key messages which stand out.

*“Outstanding leadership at all levels has transformed the culture of the school.”*

*“The school is a warm and welcoming centre of learning.”*

*“The most striking improvement since the last inspection has been in pupils’ standards of behaviour.”*

*“The behaviour of pupils is good. Leaders are clear that the management of pupils’ behaviour starts with positive relationships, and they model this routinely in their interaction with pupils. As a result, the school is a calm and orderly environment. Pupils are polite and courteous and socialise sensibly at lunchtime and breaktime.”*

*“The high-quality curriculum prepares pupils well for the next stages in their lives. Pupils also enjoy the opportunities they have to develop their personal and social skills through the wide range of extra-curricular activities.”*

*“Pupils make good progress in all year groups.”*

*“Pupils are well informed about the opportunities that exist for them beyond school and how to achieve their ambitions. Last year, nearly every pupil secured a place in further education, training or employment.”*

*Inspection report: Ipswich Academy, 5–6 March 2019*



The academy has improved at a rapid rate and continues to do so on a daily basis. We will carry on building on our success so that we give our students the best possible school experience and life chances.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

**Helen Winn**  
Principal