



**Bluecoat Beechdale
Academy**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

'Good' News from Ofsted about Bluecoat Beechdale Academy!

You will have received a letter on February 7th to let you know that Ofsted were inspecting the Academy on the 8th and 9th of February. I am delighted to have been given permission to share the findings of the inspection with you now that the inspection and report have been through Ofsted's rigorous quality assurance process.

Ofsted have declared that the 'Overall Effectiveness' of the Academy is '**Good**' and stated as the heading of their key findings in the report that '**This is a good school**'.

We are thrilled that Ofsted recognised the many wonderful opportunities that we are providing for our students and that they acknowledged the tremendous progress that has been made at the school since the last inspection at the site in 2013. In November 2013 Ofsted described the school, then known as Hadden Park High, as being 'Inadequate' and in need of 'Special Measures'. At that time, Ofsted highlighted serious weaknesses relating to outcomes, teaching, behaviour and the leadership of the academy.

It is a great source of pride for everyone connected with Bluecoat Beechdale Academy that we have made huge strides to improve in all key areas and received '**Good**' judgements in teaching and learning, outcomes, leadership and the overall effectiveness of the Academy.

I have selected the following quotes from the Ofsted report as examples of the many things we can all be proud of:

"All pupils are being well prepared for [the] next stage of their education, training and employment, because the school ensures that they leave with the skills they need to prosper"

"Teachers have good subject knowledge, which they use to enthuse pupils. They have high expectations of what pupils can achieve and work hard to ensure that pupils share these aspirations."

"Extra-curricular opportunities are extensive and exemplary."

"The school has a clear behaviour policy, which sets high standards for pupils' conduct."

Ofsted, February 2017

A full version of the report is available online via <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>

Please also contact our main reception on 0115 913 5211 or email us via

admin@bluecoatbeechdale.uk.com if you would like to request a full paper printed copy of the report.



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The Ofsted inspection team also noticed that *“Leaders and Governors are passionate about ensuring that all students receive the best possible standard of education”* and in keeping with that, we are committed as an Academy to continue to strive for even more improvement as we go confidently into the future. This very positive Ofsted report confirms that the things we are doing to improve standards are working and gives us encouragement to press ahead with these strategies. I will be speaking with students in assemblies next week to explain how we will be building on our shared success as we continue to work towards become an outstanding school. Any inspection process is helpful in highlighting priorities for further development. It is encouraging that the inspection team agree with the areas we have identified to focus on. I would like to take this opportunity to ask you for your continued support as we strive to raise standards and expectations with regards to attendance and behaviour.

This is obviously tremendous news for everyone directly linked with Bluecoat Beechdale Academy at this time. It is also a much needed boost for the whole community. We hope that by ensuring there is a good school for the young people of this area, future generations will go on to have improved life chances.

I look forward to sharing news of our further improvements, progress and successes with you.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr C Elder
Principal
Bluecoat Beechdale Academy