The Portsmouth Academy

Monday 9th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to share the outcomes of our recent Ofsted inspection and to thank you for your continued support of The Portsmouth Academy.

As you may know, under Ofsted's new inspection framework, schools no longer receive a single overarching grade. Instead, inspectors evaluate schools across a range of areas. Overall, our report recognised the positive progress being made at The Portsmouth Academy and the clear plans we have in place to continue improving. You can see the latest report on our website here.

Inspectors highlighted several strengths, including pupils' personal development and our inclusive approach. Ofsted said we have "a well-planned programme to support pupils' wellbeing and personal development", which prepares them for life beyond school. Inspectors also recognised the wide range of opportunities available to pupils through sport, drama, coding, educational visits and leadership activities.

The report also praised our high aspirations for every child, our understanding of the challenges and opportunities within our community and our commitment to ensuring all pupils can achieve success. Inspectors recognised that many of our recent improvements are still in the early stages but are already beginning to make a positive difference for pupils, and we have clear and realistic plans for further improvement.

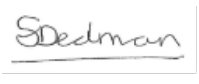
We were particularly encouraged that Ofsted recognised the progress being made in improving attendance and behaviour. While these remain areas where we know further work is needed, inspectors noted that attendance is improving, persistent absence is reducing, and there is now a calmer environment across the school with positive relationships between staff and pupils.

The report also identified areas where we need to continue our improvement journey, including ensuring the curriculum, pupil achievement and support for some pupils with SEND have a consistently strong impact across the school. We fully recognise these priorities and are already taking action to address them and will share progress across our channels.

Please be assured that we remain absolutely dedicated to embedding these positive changes and securing further long-term improvements across all areas of school life. This report reflects the hard work, resilience and commitment of our staff, pupils and wider school community and while we know there is still more to do, we are pleased that Ofsted has recognised the positive direction of travel and the strong foundations being established for the future.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will continue working to provide the very best education and opportunities for every young person at The Portsmouth Academy.

Yours faithfully,



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