



13 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ofsted Inspection 6 and 7 February 2024

As you are aware, we were visited by Ofsted in the final week of last term. We underwent a full Section 5 inspection which meant that the overall grading of our school could be changed.

It was a busy few days around the inspection but the whole school community rallied together, keen to share and celebrate their school with the Inspectors.

We have this week received our final report following the inspection and, as you will see, we have again been graded Good in all areas.

We are delighted with the wording of the report and, in particular, the recognition of the high levels of respect and support between staff and students, the fact that students were enthusiastic about their school and proud to be a member of this community. In addition, the inspectors noted that students could explain their learning journey and that they genuinely appreciate the effort that staff put into preparing engaging lessons as well as the very effective pastoral care shown by all staff in the school.

Another area on which inspectors commented was our TRACK values and how students fully understood their value and how they run through everything we do - they are not just words, they are lived every day.

We are obviously delighted with this grade and feel that the school deserved to be recognised for all the work done to support students in being confident and comfortable in school. We are also grateful to the Trust for their support in the Inspection and in all that we do.

One area of development from the report was around improved communication with parents of students with Special Educational Needs. Inspectors however, fully recognised that we have addressed this issue with the appointment of a new and highly experienced SENDCo who has been busy contacting parents and building relationships since Term 3.

I am so proud of everybody and delighted that Ofsted recognised the work we do to make St Dunstan's such a special place to teach and to learn. As I draw to the end of my career and my ten years at the school that has had such a huge place in my heart, I hand over St Dunstan's to its new headteacher in the best place it has ever been - I couldn't ask for a better farewell gift!

With very best wishes,

Mrs Bevan
Headteacher