

8th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Ofsted Monitoring Visit

I am sure you are all eager to hear the outcome of yesterday's Ofsted monitoring visit. The headline of the visit is that *'Leaders have made progress to improve the school'*. It was noted that there have been improvements in all of the areas that were identified in the previous Ofsted inspection in November 2022. The report from the visit will be available to view within the next month (subject to change) but for now, I thought I could share some of the highlights.

First and foremost, we are proud to inform you that our leadership team has acknowledged and embraced the challenges identified during the previous Ofsted inspection. We are committed to being transparent about the actions being taken to address these challenges. We believe that open communication is vital in building trust and fostering a strong school community. Alongside our Leadership, our Trustees have played a crucial part by holding regular action plan meetings and conducting student and staff voices to obtain a clear picture of what the school is doing.

We are happy to feedback to you that there are a raft of measures being used to improve the school and there is a real momentum for bettering the areas that were highlighted in the previous report and that all the staff are dedicated to making improvements.

The Inspector acknowledged that we have clear behaviour systems in place and that the use of our ACE provision is well-designed, calm, and orderly. At the other end of the spectrum, he was impressed with our improved culture around Rewards and Events. This was also reflected in the student voice where students reiterated there have been positive changes and that the behaviour is better.

It was recognised that Leaders have a good understanding of the link between students with SEND, reading and their access to the curriculum and that the introduction of phonics will greatly aid in this. Despite this, it was recommended that weaker readers still need more help to access the curriculum and that the use of phonics needs more time to be embedded. This has been and will remain an area of focus.

There are still some improvements to be made which will be highlighted in the full report, however, we are happy to relay that the visit was a success and that Bexhill Academy is well on its way to being a *Good* school.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to reach out. As always we are here to support you. We would also like to remind you that there is another parent forum next term and it would be great to see you there.

Kind Regards,



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Headteacher