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18<sup>th</sup> March 2025



Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to announce that the Ofsted report from our recent inspection on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 has now been published. I am attaching a copy of the Ofsted Report to this letter and it will be posted on our website later today.

This will appear on Ofsted's website next week, at this link:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/141245>

This is the first inspection since Wednesfield Academy joined the Matrix Academy Trust in January 2023 and we are incredibly proud that, following a very rigorous process, the inspectors who visited us found the school to be 'Good' in all areas. This is the first time this has happened in the academy's history.

Ofsted fully recognised how much Wednesfield Academy has improved in just over two years:

*"The school has undergone a significant period of change and development since the previous graded inspection. This includes a change of academy trust and changes to staff in senior, subject and pastoral leadership. The school has rapidly raised expectations around learning and behaviour and has developed a highly ambitious and well-sequenced curriculum for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). As a result, pupils achieve well and are well prepared for the next stage of their lives."*

We would like to thank all staff, pupils, parents, carers and trustees who were involved in the inspection. We are proud that our recent inspection recognises the hard work of our staff and pupils, as well as the crucial support we have received from our parents, carers and trustees along the journey. We will continue to strive for excellence moving forwards and to ensure that we achieve our vision of building respectful and confident young individuals who are proud of who they are and who they will become.

We are so pleased that Ofsted recognised the hard work which has led to such rapid positive change. Here are some further comments from their report which highlight how far we have come on the improvement journey so far:

*"Wednesfield Academy is a highly inclusive school where everyone is valued and where expectations for pupils to achieve well are high."*

*"Relationships between pupils and staff are warm and respectful. Pupils speak positively about the support they receive from staff and enjoy their learning."*

*"There is a purposeful atmosphere around the school. Pupils focus on their learning well."*

*"Pupils' well-being is at the forefront of leaders' vision, including promoting pupils' positive mental health."*



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*“Students in the sixth form are positive about their learning experiences and the wider opportunities the school provides. The school continues to expand its ambitious curriculum in the sixth form. Sixth-form teachers engage students in challenging and independent learning. Students make a significant contribution to supporting the school, including through student leadership roles. These include mentoring and supporting younger pupils.”*

*“The school identifies and supports pupils with SEND well. Teachers use ‘passports’ effectively to adapt their teaching to meet these needs. This ensures that pupils access the same ambitious curriculum.”*

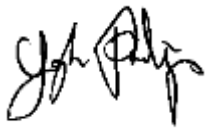
*“The school has developed strategies to effectively support pupils who are not confident readers. Specialist teaching rapidly addresses weaknesses in pupils’ understanding of phonics, grammar and comprehension. Alongside this, the school continues to effectively promote pupils’ reading widely and often.”*

*“School attendance is high, including significantly high attendance in the sixth form. There are robust systems in place to support absent pupils to catch up on their work quickly.”*

*“Staff feel very well supported and consulted about policy changes. Staff are appreciative of how their workload and well-being are considered.”*

Once again, thank you for your support.

Yours faithfully



Mr J Phillips  
Headteacher

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