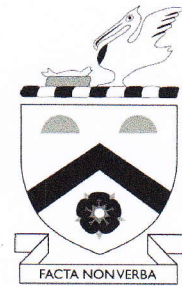


# FRED LONGWORTH HIGH SCHOOL



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5<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parent

As you are aware, Ofsted carried out an inspection of the school on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November. In the interests of the environment, it is not our intention to send out paper copies to all parents, but the report is now available on our website under the "Information" tab. It makes interesting and informative reading and we believe that it paints an accurate picture of the school's current work.

As you may be aware, the framework within which schools are inspected has become much more rigorous over the past couple of years so we are pleased with the conclusion that we are providing "a good and improving education" for our students and that our students are "supported well with pastoral and academic matters."

We were particularly pleased with the grading of outstanding for personal development, behaviour and welfare. Students' behaviour was judged to be excellent and students indicated that they feel safe in school. Moreover, inspectors praised us for being "an inclusive school community based on a sense of belonging and togetherness", and noted that students spoke "with affection about being part of Freddie's family."

Whilst the report acknowledges that examination results in 2016 and 2017 were not at our usual high standard, it also noted that we have taken "urgent action" to address this and noted "significant and sustained improvements in all areas that had been causing concern." Students within school were judged to be making good progress as a result of the "far-reaching improvements" that have been made.

Inspectors acknowledged that teaching overall is good and "quickly improving", with many examples of outstanding practice observed over the course of the inspection. We were already aware that some variability in the quality of teaching still exists and inspectors acknowledged that we are focusing on this as a key priority through careful monitoring and through high quality staff development. The new Monday afternoon staff development slots have been invaluable in enabling us to focus on teaching and learning and I believe that they will contribute significantly towards further rapid improvement.

The areas for development identified in the report are all areas upon which we are already working, but we will not be complacent; we want to be outstanding in every area and that journey starts here.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher