



## Brownhills Ormiston Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to share with you the report from our recent Ofsted monitoring visit which took place on 8th and 9th October 2024.

The inspectors spent their time with us hearing from our staff and students about the provision we deliver, and in particular the positive changes we have recently implemented. They visited a number of lessons and met with our senior leadership team, Trust leads and governors.

Throughout the report there are clear areas for us to continually work and improve upon; however, I am pleased that Ofsted has recognised the progress we are making to raise exceptions for student achievement, and that the plans we have place are enabling us to make rapid progress in a number of key areas.

I would encourage you to read the report in full, which can be found on our school website here ([Brownhills Ormiston Academy - Open - Find an Inspection Report - Ofsted](#)).

However, I wanted to share a number of key points from the report with you all, including the following:

- There are clear signs at the academy of increased ambition and support for students,
- Students speak positively about a range of recent improvements and the high expectations the academy has set for them ensuring there is a calm and orderly atmosphere.
- Ormiston Academies Trust is supporting the academy effectively.
- With the support of the Trust, the academy has recently reviewed its curriculum to raise the level of ambition for students and improve standards.
- Thanks to training, leaders are clear about how they lead curriculum areas and have made necessary improvements in their curriculum design.
- The academy has worked to ensure students are well prepared for their next steps. Students are aware of a full range of ambitious destinations open to them.
- This forms part of the academy's strong personal development offering for students.



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- Students appreciate the many clubs and trips which the academy organises for them, speaking highly of the many performing arts opportunities.
- Staff report very high levels of satisfaction with how the school consults and works with them.

Beyond this, we are also clear about the next steps we need to take in our improvement journey so that we are in a stronger position. This includes in areas such as reading and support for students with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).

Ofsted also highlighted that more needs to be done to improve attendance. While inspectors recognised the work done so far, this will be a leading commitment for us as an academy moving forward. We would very much appreciate your support in ensuring your child is attending school every day and is in each class on time and ready to learn.

While we are pleased to see the positive steps, we have taken so far outlined in the report, our staff have a clear and tireless commitment to continue to drive improvement to ensure we are addressing the areas of improvement delivering the highest standard of education.

If you have any questions about the report, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Thank you, as always for your ongoing support and cooperation – it is always very much appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Ann Lloyd,

Principal