



# HAMPSTEAD SCHOOL

Learning together Achieving together

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Ofsted inspection – 19 and 20 April 2023**

Hampstead School welcomed Ofsted inspectors into school in April 2023. The inspectorate have just provided us with the final report; you can access it via the link below.

### [Ofsted Report 2023](#)

This was a full, graded inspection; six inspectors visited the school over two days and investigated all aspects of provision. It was a rigorous process; the inspection team observed lessons, studied data, met with school leaders, spoke with students and staff, and drew on feedback from parents.

We are delighted with the outcome.

**Quality of Education:** *Good*

**Behaviour and Attitudes:** *Good*

**Personal Development:** *Good*

**Leadership and Management:** *Good*

**Sixth Form:** *Good*

**Overall Effectiveness:** *Good*

The report captures some long-held strengths of the school:

- Our ambitious, inclusive ethos
- The importance placed on diversity and the centrality of relationships
- The pride staff have in working here, and the pride students have in studying here

The report also acts to highlight and celebrate post-pandemic work on safeguarding, behaviour and culture, personal development and curriculum design. In doing so, it provides us with a highly encouraging platform for future progress.

Ofsted have been in the news a lot recently, and I think it important to recognise:

- The efforts of staff in what is a stressful and demanding process

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- The efforts of inspectors in conducting the inspection in a sensitive, empathetic manner

The report highlighted two areas for improvement – linked to activity selection in some lessons and student engagement with our wide extra-curricular offer – that reflected our own self-evaluation. We have plans in place to address these priorities over the coming months.

If you would like to learn more about the inspection process, or our response to the report, please do get in touch. I would be very happy to follow up with a telephone call, meeting or email exchange.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your support over the past three years. The report states that *'Leaders have established a calm and purposeful learning environment where pupils are encouraged to think big, work hard and be kind'* but the credit also sits with you. As parents and carers you have encouraged your children, set high expectations and made sure that they are ready to learn each day. We are very excited about continuing to work with you to build on the strengths recognised in this inspection.

All best wishes,



Matthew Sadler

Head

**For and on behalf of Hampstead School**