

30th April 2025

Dear Parent /Carer,

Following our fourth Ofsted monitoring visit, which took place on the 12th and 13th of March, I am pleased to share the outcome letter with you. The report once again highlights the sustained and significant improvements being made across all areas of school life at Smith's Wood Academy.

Inspectors recognised the systematic progress we have made since the last graded inspection, and I am especially pleased that safeguarding not only continues to be effective, it is now seen as a strength of the school. We are also seeing a clear shift in students' attitudes towards their education, which is having a meaningful impact on our school environment. This transformation is reflected daily in their behaviour around the Academy and in their growing commitment to learning.

School attendance continues to improve, and I want to thank our parents and families for their crucial role in this progress. Regular attendance is directly linked to better long-term outcomes for our students, and your support in reinforcing this message at home is invaluable.

I encourage you to read the full Ofsted report and share our collective achievements with your wider network of friends and family. We are committed to reshaping the historical perceptions of our school and building a strong, positive reputation as a local school that the whole community can take pride in.

While we are pleased with the feedback from Ofsted, our journey of improvement is far from over. Under my leadership, Smith's Wood Academy will remain focused on continuous progress, always striving to move forward regardless of how far we have come. I wholeheartedly urge you to continue to support me and my team - when we work together to support students, they achieve more and have a much more positive experience.

We've made a strong start to the summer term, and we remain dedicated to ensuring this momentum continues - particularly as our Year 11 students approach their exams. We are fully committed to helping them achieve their full potential.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Huntington
Principal