

Tuesday 9th July 2024

St Sampson's High School - Celebrating Success!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am thrilled to share the fantastic news that following a full Ofsted inspection on 19th and 20th June 2024, St Sampson's High School has been judged as '**Good**' in all areas!

This achievement is a testament to the tremendous effort of our entire school community – our dedicated staff, our incredible students, and your unwavering support as parents and carers. Together, we have made significant strides forward over the last two years, and this report is a fantastic springboard for the upcoming academic year.

Key Highlights from the Report:

- **Ambitious and Well-Planned Curriculum:** The inspectors praised our curriculum for being challenging and carefully planned to benefit all students.
- **High Expectations and Positive Behaviour:** We were commended for fostering a culture of high expectations and respect, resulting in a calm and orderly learning environment.
- **Enriching Activities:** The report highlighted the extensive range of extracurricular activities we offer, enriching students' lives beyond the classroom.
- **Strong Leadership:** Our leaders were recognised for effectively communicating their vision and ensuring a shared understanding of our goals.
- **Committed Staff:** The inspectors were particularly impressed by the unity and dedication shown by all staff, both teaching and support, towards continuous improvement.

Looking Ahead:

While we celebrate this accomplishment, we also recognise areas for further development:

- **Subject Leadership:** The report identified the need for some subject leaders to refine their approach to quality assurance, ensuring consistent curriculum delivery that deepens student understanding.
- **Assessment Practices:** Ofsted noted that our assessment practices could be further developed to identify and address any learning gaps or misconceptions students may have. This is particularly important for students with special educational needs (SEND) or those experiencing attendance issues.

By addressing these areas, we will ensure that all students at St Sampson's High School receive the highest quality education and reach their full potential.



A Heartfelt Thank You

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all our staff for their dedication and hard work. To our wonderful students, thank you for your commitment and positive attitude. Finally, a huge thank you to all our parents, carers, and the wider local community for your unwavering support throughout this journey.

We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved together, and we are excited to continue building upon this success in the future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V Godley".

Mrs V Godley

Principal