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Dear Parent/ Carer

From Special Measures to Good with Outstanding Leadership in 3 years! Ofsted report highlights Outwood's outstanding leadership and rapid transformation in student progress and outcomes.

Outwood Academy Newbold is celebrating following a recent inspection from Ofsted. The transformation under Outwood has moved this academy from Special Measures to Good – with specific recognition of the leadership, which was graded as Outstanding.

Students at the academy make progress that is "substantially higher than the expected level" as a result of "outstanding leadership and management", according to the inspection report made by Ofsted following their visit to the academy last month.

This is a wonderful Ofsted report which pays testament to all the hard work put in by students, staff and families in this community over the last three years. I am extremely proud of what the students, staff, families and governors have achieved in making Outwood Academy Newbold such a high-performing academy which takes students of all backgrounds and abilities and helps them to reach their potential.

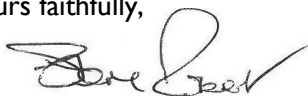
Martyn Oliver, CEO of Outwood Grange Academies Trust, said: "We offer our congratulations to the students and, of course, the staff and governors who have inspired and supported them, for the rapid transformation and significant improvements in the academy. I particularly want to praise the leadership of Steve Roberts and his team. The local community can be proud of the contribution the academy has made to the education and the standards it sets and delivers for the students."

Highlights from the report include:

- Pupils behave well and their conduct in lessons and around the school is often exemplary.
- Pupils told inspectors that they feel safe in the school. They spoke with confidence about who they would turn to if they needed support.
- Pupils are encouraged to take up the many enrichment activities that are on offer. Currently around two thirds of pupils regularly attend these activities.
- Pupils in the Autism Resource Centre are provided for exceptionally well.
- When asked about their favourite subjects, a significant number of pupils quickly mentioned art and physical education. Inspectors saw first-hand why this is the case, as pupils were thoroughly enjoying their learning in these subjects.
- The combination of good and improving attitudes to learning in key stage 4, and much improved outcomes at GCSE level, mean pupils are very well prepared for their next stage of education.
- The unwavering ambition [of the leadership] is combined with superb attention to detail so that, as the Principal says, 'small gains are regularly made'. The culmination of these small gains resulted in exceptional improvements in GCSE outcomes in 2017.
- Leaders at all levels have worked with passion and determination to raise the quality of teaching.

The full report is available at www.newbold.outwood.com and www.ofsted.gov.uk

Yours faithfully,



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