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# Oakbank School

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7<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Ofsted Monitoring Visit – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014**

We are delighted to be writing to you with the outcomes of our recent Ofsted Monitoring visit which took place on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

Ofsted confirmed that 'Senior Leaders, Governors and the sponsor **are taking effective action** to tackle the areas requiring improvement at the recent section 5 inspection. The full letter is available on our school website ([www.oakbank-cfbt.org](http://www.oakbank-cfbt.org)).

We were thrilled that HMI identified our many strengths:

- *Students have responded to the raised expectations teachers have of their conduct.*
- *Students present themselves and their work with pride and show that they are keen to learn.*
- *Despite being in post for a brief period, the actions of the new Principal are moving the school in the right direction*
- *The new Principal is sharing high standards with the staff and students*
- *Governance has been reviewed and is now more effective*
- *Teachers are now consistently using information from the work they mark to group students according to their ability and identify individual student's learning needs.*
- *Leaders have made improvements to the way teachers plan lessons and this is helping students gain the skills they need to progress in the subject.*

In the verbal feedback, HMI commented that they observed no low level disruption or poor behaviour in the school.

They also identified the following areas for improvement:

- *Make sure the system to track students' progress is fully functioning and uses information from all the Key Stage 2 assessment areas*
- *Develop teachers' questioning skills so that questions are more demanding and teachers probe the answers students give*
- *Make sure all teachers in English apply the same standard when they mark work so their marking is more accurate*

We were pleased that Ofsted agreed with us, confirming that our plans are moving the School in the right direction and we were delighted with the positive outcomes. Those areas highlighted for improvement had already been identified by the Leadership Team and measures have been in place across the school since the beginning of the academic year.

We would like to thank you all for your support during the visit and this term, and to those of you who completed the Parent View questionnaire. We would especially like to thank all the pupils, who were a credit to the school. They were perfect models of 'The Oakbank Way'.

If you would like to find out more about the monitoring visit, and what the school is doing to address the areas for improvement identified in the report, we will be having our Autumn Parents' Forum on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 6:00pm in the school hall, which we would encourage you to attend.

Please contact the school on 0118 9883616 or email [enquiries@oakbank-cfbt.org](mailto:enquiries@oakbank-cfbt.org) to confirm your attendance.

Finally, we will be holding 'Oakbank Opens Its Door' mornings every Wednesday between 9.15am and 10.15am. We would welcome you to come and see the school in operation, please contact the school on the above.

In the meantime, if you have any day to day enquiries or any news to share with us, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Yours sincerely



M Segrove  
Principal



D Knott  
Chair of Governors