



7th December 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

I write to update you on the outcomes of our recent Section 8 Ofsted visit on 3rd and 4th November. A Section 8 inspection cannot change the grading judgement of a school but seeks to confirm if we remain at our current judgement of 'Good', which I am extremely pleased to confirm we do. The team found many elements of the school to be examples of strong and effective practice, complimenting us in their verbal feedback during the inspection days on aspects such as the detailed and careful curriculum planning in place; the expertise of our teaching staff; high standards of behaviour; and tenacious safeguarding and pastoral care.

We were also heartened by and bolstered in discussions by the extremely positive feedback that was shared with the Ofsted Inspection team through the different surveys they undertake during the process. From 97% of you saying you would recommend the school to other parents- a figure that puts us above other secondary schools inspected this term in the area, and equal to one judged Outstanding- to the staff survey which was the most irrefutably positive the Lead Inspector had ever seen. Likewise, the glowing account the students gave in their survey and panel meetings about the support they receive, be it through careers guidance, student support, or Life Studies lessons left the Inspectors without much to ask of the staff; our students were, as ever, the true ambassadors of our success.

Throughout it all, the team recognised that this is a school with "pupils' best interests at heart". This is a real endorsement of the culture of the school and I am proud that such an ethos was seen and verified by the inspection team. The letter summarising the inspection findings has now been published and can be found here: [Hornsea School Inspection Report 03 Nov 2021](#)

As you will see, the process has affirmed that we are an exceedingly good school and we are genuinely excited to continue to develop the high ambition and challenge for every student in every classroom as we move forward from the process. We will hold true to our values of being kind, useful and insisting that every student becomes the best they can be.

I would like to thank you all for your support during the process and for your ongoing commitment to the school,

Kind regards

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