18th November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted monitoring inspection

Many of you will know that our last full Ofsted inspection was held in November 2019. Last half term we were visited, under the Ofsted monitoring framework, to see how the academy has progressed since this date. We are now able to share the letter, written by HMI Eve Morris, with our families, colleagues, governors and the Trust. Please find a copy attached to this letter.

Key findings

We are certain that you will be pleased to read about the great many positives taking place at SUA; the letter speaks of our continued improvements. A real highlight is the recognition from Ofsted of the, 'ambitious culture' that we have at SUA which in turn has created, 'a positive learning culture.' We were delighted to have all of the work on our curriculum appreciated by the inspector. We were confident that our safeguarding systems are robust and this has been acknowledged as, 'safeguarding is effective'. It is also important for us to be proud that our staffing team recognise the work that we do to support their wellbeing as we know of the great lengths they go to for all of our students, your children.

Next steps

The academy is due a full inspection anytime within the next 18 months at which point a grade would be issued. You can see there is still work to do to improve attendance and to strengthen support for our SEND students before this full re-inspection.

We will issue all students a paper copy of the letter on Monday and Mr Allsopp and I will be visiting assemblies over the next couple of weeks to speak to our students about these findings. It is essential that we all understand the progress that we have made and the role that we collectively play in continuing to be relentless in our mission to be Great!

Thank you all for your continued support and for the extremely positive feedback that we received through the Ofsted Parent survey portal – this is very much appreciated.

Best wishes

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