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Rye College OfSTED Report

Dear families,

It is with great pride that I can announce that OfSTED have rated Rye College as a 'good' school in all areas.

You can read the full report [here](#) and on the OfSTED website from week beginning 6th March.

The report marks a fantastic achievement for our school, and its students, staff and the community as a whole.

Three experienced inspectors conducted a two-day inspection over Tuesday and Wednesday, 17th – 18th January. They met with students, staff, parents, Trust and Local Authority representatives as well as watched lessons from a range of subjects. The inspectors found the school 'has taken great strides forward' since its last inspection in 2018 where the school was rated as 'inadequate'. Their report provides a fantastic validation of our on-going transformation, and a testament to the hard-work and dedication of everyone involved.

Some of the highlights of the report include:

- The relationships and sense of belonging bring about a 'happy, friendly atmosphere throughout' where our students 'work hard to uphold the school's values';
- Our teachers are rightly described as having 'strong subject knowledge' and work for the 'very best for their pupils';
- Our personal development programme is highlighted as a strength and 'is prioritised' by the school. Inspectors found that our students are 'enthusiastic' about their learning within the Life Education curriculum and are 'well prepared for their next steps';
- A strong and clear validation of our student support services. Students were clear that the team 'will help them if they need support.'

These, alongside other positive comments in the report, provide a snapshot of the commitment all of our community show towards ensuring that Rye College creates bright futures for all. Please take the time to read through the report.



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The inspectors provided three 'foci for improvement' that will ensure our continuing transformational journey:

- To ensure that teachers and leaders 'thoroughly check that pupils have grasped key knowledge and concepts before moving on';
- To ensure that the curriculum is adapted 'to meet the needs of pupils with SEND';
- To prioritise our 'work with families so that pupils attend school more regularly'.

With these priorities already central to our School Improvement Plan, we are not complacent and the Rye College community look forward to working with you, our Trust and partners as we combine our strength and efforts to build an even brighter future for our children.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. D. Downes
Headteacher

