

## *Ofsted Commentary by Jason Feldwick Principal*

Our latest Ofsted Inspection took place on 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> February 2018 and we were delighted to receive a second endorsement from the Inspectors – we are GOOD – again! In 2014, St Augustine was also rated as Good. Staff, students and Academy Council members were determined that we would continue to prove that we provide a great quality of teaching and learning for all Academy students.

Academy Principal, Jason Feldwick said: ‘We are very happy to share with you our recent wonderful **Good Ofsted** report from February 2018. Our ‘Good in all categories’ is testament to the hard work and commitment of all staff, including our dedicated Academy Council members. The staff were praised for the quality of their teaching and students were recognised for their efforts, with improving attainment, attendance and their attitude to each other and their learning commented on by the inspectors.

I encourage you to read the whole Ofsted report, which describes exceptionally well our excellent Academy but here are some of the highlights:

“The Principal and senior leaders are ambitious for the school and know the strengths and areas for development very well. They recognise that they need to continually challenge the pupils to aim high in all aspects of development, including academic progress, in order to prepare them for further education or the world of work.”

“Academy Council members and the Chief Executive Officer of the Academy Trust provide appropriate support and challenge to the Principal and other staff.”

“Pupil outcomes are improving year on year. Literacy development is a real strength of the school.”



“The majority of teaching was typically good over the period of inspection for all, including the most able, pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities, and disadvantaged pupils.”

“The curriculum is broad and balanced and offers a wide choice for pupils at different stages of the options process. The staff provide an exceptionally wide choice of extra-curricular activities which pupils rate highly.”

“Staff know the pupils well, and the personalised approach to ensuring the best for pupils is a strong feature borne out of the school ethos of ‘nurturing and enriching each individual’.”

Some great parental quotes:

A parent of a child with an SEN need noted, ‘he has fantastic support from all his teachers and they have great understanding’.

“There is a wide array of extra-curricular opportunities and enrichment activities which pupils felt were a highlight of the school. This was also mentioned by some parents, one of whom said, ‘The opportunities given to our children are endless.’”

“My daughter is thriving in such a disciplined but fair environment.”

We are not complacent and know there are areas we need to improve. We are already working on our targets that have been set and we will continue to drive forward further improvements in teaching and student outcomes.’