

Ref: AHL/TKS/Ofsted/Jan16

Regional Chief Executive: Julie Slater

Principal: Angela Hull

**3<sup>rd</sup> February 2016**

Dear Parent/Carer

I am absolutely delighted to announce that Outwood Academy Foxhills has been awarded “Good” for overall effectiveness in our recent Ofsted inspection. This is a remarkable achievement for a school in Special Measures and one which reflects the hard work of all our school community, especially our students.

**The categories of the Inspection report are:**

- Effectiveness of Leadership and Management – Outstanding
- Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment – Good
- Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare – Good
- Outcomes for Pupils – Good
- Overall Effectiveness – Good

Inspections are always an intense process and our students, during this period, demonstrated quite clearly to our visitors, their positive attitudes, engagement in their learning and exemplary behaviour. I am particularly proud because the Inspectors were observing our students doing what they do every day.

**Examples of key finding of the report are:**

- *Leaders, managers and governors are exceptionally ambitious for pupils. They have very high expectations of pupils and staff. As a result, teaching is now good and pupils’ progress improved significantly in 2015.*
- *Pupils are punctual to the academy and to their lessons. Their conduct around the academy is of a high standard. They treat each other with dignity and respect, and are polite and courteous to adults.*
- *All pupils say they are safe in the academy and enjoy being there. Leaders have made sure that there are excellent safeguarding procedures in place to protect pupils.*
- *In a very short period of time, the senior leadership team and governors have had an exceptionally positive impact on the overall effectiveness of the academy. Their passion for all pupils to do well permeates the academy. Middle leaders and all staff have high expectations and are highly ambitious for pupils. As a result of exceptional leadership, the academy is providing a good education for its pupils. The capacity for further improvement is outstanding.*
- *The arrangements for safeguarding are effective. Exemplary systems to ensure that pupils are safe, including those in off-site provision, and protected from harm are used highly skilfully by leaders in the academy. Staff are exceptionally well trained and vigilant. There are close links with external agencies to support safeguarding, including the local authority.*

I would like to express my gratitude to all parents and carers for the support they have given the Academy. This means a lot to my colleagues and me. It is through the dedication and passion of the students and staff, and unwavering support of parents and carers, that the Academy has attained this outcome.

I hope that when you read the report, you are also delighted. The inspection team has confirmed that your children receive a “good” education. However, we are far from complacent! We will continue to strive to not only maintain this high standard, but to build on it, and will do our utmost to ensure that all our students receive an “outstanding” education.

A copy of the report can be found on our website and this will go live onto the Ofsted website on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016:  
<http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk>

Further information will follow in the public domain as we make a press release, however, I felt it important to inform students and parents first.

Yours faithfully



Angela Hull  
**Principal**

Outwood Grange Academies Trust is a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (No. 06995649)  
Registered office: Potovens Lane Outwood Wakefield West Yorkshire WF1 2PF  
Outwood Grange Academies Trust is a Registered Charity VAT number 722 0149 78

CONFIDENTIALITY NOTICE: This letter, including any attachments, is for the sole use of the intended recipient(s) and may contain confidential and privileged information. Any unauthorised review, use, disclosure or distribution is prohibited.

If you are not the intended recipient, please contact the Outwood Grange Academies Trust and destroy all copies of the original letter.