

Dear Parent / Carer,

As you may be aware, Ofsted visited University Academy Keighley on 19th and 20th April 2016 to carry out an inspection. I am now in a position to be able to share some feedback from that inspection with you.

The inspection team spoke very highly of all the pupils they met in school. They commented on the pupils' positivity, the respect they showed for staff and other pupils, and the positive relationships we have worked hard to build as a learning community. They commented that pupils felt safe and secure in school, and that the care and support offered to pupils was a real strength of the academy. Attendance is above national average and a particular strength of the academy.

The report also highlighted the clear and ambitious vision that we share as a team for raising standards in the academy. Last year's Year 11 results were disappointing for the academy and as such Ofsted judged outcomes for pupils as inadequate. Fortunately, we were able to show clear evidence that we have implemented a number of changes in the academy which will lead to rapid improvement. The inspectors were convinced that we are moving in the right direction and that we have the support of our pupils, staff and community to achieve the standards required. Where areas for improvement have been identified, please be assured that we are already addressing these, and the impact of these actions are having a positive effect upon standards.

Our pupils are very important to us and we are committed to ensuring that they get the best quality education that a school can provide. We have invested in high quality teachers and support colleagues, resources (e.g. Chrome books) and shortly we will be joining a family of schools with our new sponsor, Wakefield City Academies Trust. Our ambition is to provide the highest quality education for your child, so that all students who study with us achieve their potential. We value your support in helping us to achieve this going forward and therefore should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Karyn Wright PA to the principal.

Yours sincerely,



Bernie Addison
Principal