



Boroughbridge High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Ofsted outcome

I am delighted to share with you the Ofsted report following our inspection in June/July 2026. Inspectors stated that **'Pupils thrive in an inclusive ethos at Boroughbridge High School.'**, recognising the significant, sustained improvements which have taken place in recent years. **We are very proud of the transformation of our school and that it was recognised that 'There is a positive culture in the school. Pupils are respectful and courteous with staff and with their peers.'** and that **'Leaders have high expectations for pupils.'**



The inspection was carried out under Ofsted's new inspection framework which no longer gives schools a single overall judgement. Instead inspections assess schools across six areas. **For all of these six areas, Boroughbridge High School was judged to be meeting the 'expected standard'.** A judgement of 'expected standard' means that a school is meeting the high standard expected nationally across all areas. **It**

confirms that students are receiving everything they need and deserve. You'll see that these are shown as green circles on the report. We also meet the safeguarding standards, **there is 'an open culture in which safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and concerns are actively identified, acted upon and managed. As a result, pupils are made safer and feel safe.'**

This success belongs to us all; staff, students, families, our Governing Board and our entire community. We've thoroughly enjoyed celebrating this with students in assemblies this afternoon and I hope that you enjoy reading the full report and recognise the part that you have played. **The full report can be found at <https://www.boroughbridgehigh.com/about-us/ofsted/>** Until you have the opportunity to read it, I have drawn out a few statements from each section of the report.



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Area	Judgement	Statements from the report
Achievement	Expected standard	Staff use effective strategies to close any gaps in pupils' basic knowledge and skills. These strategies have a significant positive impact Overall, pupils' attainment in national examinations is close to the national average. Most pupils are well prepared for the next stage of their education, employment or training.
Attendance and Behaviour	Expected standard	Over time attendance has improved including for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities and disadvantaged pupils. Pupils typically behave well, follow the agreed school routines and show positive attitudes to their learning. This contributes to a safe and calm environment. Pupils manage their behaviour independently both in lessons and at less structured times.
Curriculum and teaching	Expected standard	The curriculum is effectively designed to enable pupils to build on their knowledge and remember learning over time. It is broad and ambitious and contributes to pupils' development of their strengths and interests.
Inclusion	Expected standard	Boroughbridge High School is a welcoming and accepting school. Leaders and staff know pupils well. They identify barriers to learning and wellbeing quickly and accurately.
Leadership and Governance	Expected Standard	Leaders and governors know their school well and identify the right priorities to ensure that pupils receive a high-quality education and care from adults. Leaders ensure a culture of belonging for all students Leaders are models of high expectations and professionalism. Staff are proud to work at the school.
Personal development and wellbeing	Expected standard	There is a comprehensive personal development programme in place that ensures pupils are fully prepared for their next steps and the wider world. Pupils learn how to keep safe and healthy. Pupils appreciate the extensive pastoral support that the school provides. Pupils learn to be respectful and tolerant. This is evident in the way that they respect and support each other.

The Ofsted inspectors recognised that we have been doing the right things for positive impact and we are determined to continue to improve for the benefit of our students. The report clearly outlines our next steps which, reassuringly, reflect areas identified by leaders for further development. We look forward to working with you on the next part of our journey.

Yours sincerely,

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