

This letter is provided for the school, parents and carers to share with their children. It describes Ofsted's main findings from the inspection of their school.



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Dear Students

Inspection of Northumberland Park School, London N17 0PG

Thank you for your help and for talking to us during the recent inspection. We thoroughly enjoyed meeting you and seeing your work. I am writing to tell you about our findings.

Your school provides you with a good education. It has brought about improvements in your achievement and you now have more opportunities in the curriculum than at the time of the last inspection. The headteacher and other leaders provide a strong lead that is raising the expectations and aspirations of everyone at the school. You respond positively to this and an ethos of calm ambition exists throughout the school. You are very positive about the school and its work. Although you and your parents or carers raised some concerns about behaviour, inspectors found it to be at least good and sometimes excellent. You are confident that any misbehaviour is dealt with effectively by staff. You told us you feel safe and well cared for at school.

You experience good and at times outstanding teaching and consequently make good progress. However, attainment at the school overall is still below the national average. We have asked the school to improve attainment by making sure that:

- the feedback you receive tells you how to improve as well as what to improve
- lessons are adapted more quickly to match the pace of your learning and that teachers intervene when necessary to enable all of you to make rapid progress
- there are enough opportunities for you to develop your writing in all subjects.

All of you can certainly help by responding to teachers' comments and using the feedback that they give to improve your own learning and attainment.

The inspection team wish you well in your future endeavours.

Yours sincerely

Judith Rundle
Her Majesty's Inspector