



RIDGEWAY
SECONDARY SCHOOL

'The most improved state secondary school in England'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is with immense pride and gratitude that I write to you today to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. The report has been sent with this letter and I hope that you enjoy reading it.

Under the current Ofsted framework there is no longer an overall judgement and schools are judged against the four areas below. We are delighted to announce that Ridgeway Secondary School has been officially judged by Ofsted as:

Quality of Education: Good
Behaviour and Attitudes: Outstanding
Personal Development: Outstanding
Leadership and Management: Outstanding

We have been waiting for this day, a day when we can finally and officially rewrite the labels that were once placed around this school's neck. Today, we can move forward with confidence and clarity, knowing that the incredible transformation of Ridgeway has been recognised at the highest level. This Ofsted report captures the very essence of what it means to be part of our special Ridgeway community. It reflects the true spirit of our students and our staff, and it recognises the phenomenal progress we have made together. Every line of the report is a testament to the relentless drive we have shared to provide our students with the best educational experience possible.

This morning, I had the privilege of reading the report aloud to our staff and students. After all, this school is about them and for them and it is their hard work, determination, and commitment that has made this success possible. There are many fantastic lines in the report, but one resonates with me more than any outstanding judgement:

"Ridgeway is a place where pupils want to be."

That is the greatest affirmation of all. This is a school where students want to be. It's a school where our staff want to be. It's a school where I want to be.

I could not be more proud of the people who make Ridgeway what it is. Thank you - to every parent/carer, every colleague, every governor and trustee, and every student, for the unwavering support you have offered, not just during the inspection, but each and every day.

This report is remarkable, and it deserves to be celebrated. However, our journey does not end here. We remain committed, as ever, to our ongoing quest to be the very best we can be for our students, for our families, and for our future.

Yours sincerely,

M Ball
Headteacher