

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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To: All College Parents/Guardians

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## **Dear Parents and Carers**

I am delighted to share with you the finalised Ofsted report for St Edward's College following our inspection on 3 and 4 December 2024. Please find the report attached for your reference.

I am extremely proud to inform you that we have achieved a 'Good' rating across all areas of the inspection, including:

- The quality of education
- Behaviour and attitudes
- Personal development
- · Leadership and management
- Sixth-form provision.

This is a significant improvement from our previous inspection when we were rated as 'Requires Improvement.' The report highlights the positive changes we have made, particularly in creating an environment where pupils feel safe, respected, and happy. It also praises the academic progress made by our pupils and recognises the dedication and professionalism of our staff, which is a true reflection of the hard work and commitment of both our school community and families.

Ofsted specifically recognised the rapid improvement in pupils' behaviour. The school has raised its expectations, contributing to a more positive and respectful atmosphere. Most pupils behave well in lessons and now feel happier and safer at school. While there are still a few pupils who are working to meet these higher standards, the support we are providing is having a positive impact.

In addition, the report highlighted the broad and ambitious curriculum we offer, as well as our commitment to improving reading and academic support for pupils with special educational needs. The extensive extra-curricular opportunities, which contribute significantly to the personal and social development of our pupils, were also praised.

The report also highlighted two areas for further improvement that we will focus on:

- Adapting Learning to Meet Pupils' Needs: Some teachers need further support in adapting lessons to better respond to the individual needs of pupils, particularly those with SEND. We will continue working together to ensure that all staff have the resources and guidance they need to support every pupil in their learning journey.
- 2. Attendance of Vulnerable Pupils: A small group of our most vulnerable pupils have higher-thanexpected absence rates, which impacts their learning. We will accelerate our efforts to understand the reasons behind these absences and implement strategies to improve attendance and reduce gaps in learning.



I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and involvement in your child's education. Your dedication, optimism, and collaboration have played a key role in the improvements we've made. This report is a direct reflection of the collective efforts of our school community, including your unwavering partnership.

We will continue to take this feedback on board as we strive to strengthen our school further and build on our successes. I am confident that, together, we will continue to improve and provide the very best for our pupils.

With pride and gratitude,

Lee Fabia Principal