



LAWNSWOOD SCHOOL

Mathematics & Computing College

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Lawnswood Encouraging Achievement Delivering Success

Tuesday 10th November 2009

Dear Parent

You will be aware that Lawnswood was inspected by OfSTED during the first few weeks of term. The school was one of the first schools in the country to be inspected by tougher new rules aimed at 'raising the bar' on standards that will be used for all future school inspections.

We are deeply disappointed with their report especially as the school was named as one of the most improved schools in England just twelve months ago. Since then the school has also received many important awards showing how well we are progressing on some of the issues raised within the report. The team of inspectors decided not to use this evidence to judge how much we had improved, nor consider the very large reduction in exclusions and the recent improvements in attendance. The new type of inspection uses data in a way that does not take into account wide-ranging school community schools such as Lawnswood.

Nevertheless we will benefit from being one of the first to be judged under these new rules as it will ensure changes are put in place much sooner than elsewhere.

We have included a copy of the report with this letter. If any parent would like to discuss the report in further detail we have arranged a parents' meeting for

Monday 16th November at 6.30 pm in the Main School Hall.



OfSTED has been keen to state that many students behave very well and have respect for each other and the adults who work with them. Also that students act with kindness, and think carefully about the safety of others. The published report however also raises some challenging issues and we are acting quickly to address them - particularly those around behaviour, safety and raising the quality of teaching and achievement. We have already begun to address OfSTED's new concerns.

We are very confident that we will improve their view of the school very quickly and continue to give every one of our students the very best chance to succeed. This will be achieved with additional support from Education Leeds, consultants and the dedication and commitment of the school community. We are pleased with the positive development of Friends of Lawnswood and would like to develop this relationship with parents/carers further.

We have many positive points to build on: a wonderfully wide-ranging school community which benefits every young person; in just over a year we have achieved the Stephen Lawrence Education Standard, the Healthy Schools Standard, and the Inclusion Chartermark. Our GCSE 5 A* - C results for the last two years have been the best the school has achieved since this became a measure of school achievement at Key Stage 4.

This summer the 6th Form has again been judged by the Advanced Level Performance System (Alps), a nationally used measurement tool, to be within the top ten percent of the country for how much extra the school adds to 6th Form students' results. Ofsted confirms this high assessment in its Report.

We anticipate that our results both at GCSE and Advanced Level will be even better this summer.

At Lawnswood we have made great strides and will continue to do so.

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors