



# The Oakwood Academy

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Dear Parent,

You will be aware that a team of Ofsted inspectors visited the academy in December and a report of their visit has now been published.

The team recognised that student progress was improving, particularly in Key Stage 3. They commented on the strong relationships students have with each other and with staff at the school, noting their exemplary behaviour around the site throughout their visit. Provision for safeguarding and the quality of social, moral and cultural education, including careers guidance was seen as a real strength.

However, the report does express concern about student underachievement at Key Stage 4 and school leaders' understanding of the causes of this. Inspectors found that whilst there have been some improvements in the quality of teaching there remains an inconsistency in standards which has impacted on student progress. They also noted that the attendance of some students was still too low, which has affected their ability to achieve highly in their GCSE's.

Although this is a disappointing report, it is significant that the inspectors did not feel that Oakwood is still a special measures school. This means that they have confidence that the academy will continue to improve under the Redhill Academies Trust's guidance. The Trust has already acted swiftly in replacing the previous headteacher with Mr Hardy, who has an exemplary record as deputy headteacher at the Redhill Academy. We have also already strengthened and restructured the senior leadership team at Oakwood.

We are interested in your view of the report and in the recent improvements and changes made at the school. Please send any comments to Ms S Byrne, [ofstedenquiries@oakwoodacademy.org.uk](mailto:ofstedenquiries@oakwoodacademy.org.uk).

There will also be an opportunity to meet myself, senior staff and governors at a meeting at the school at 7.00pm on 8th March. Please contact reception to confirm your attendance. Furthermore a copy of the report will be available from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February on the school's website. However, if you would prefer a hard copy then please phone reception on 0115 9539323 or email Ms Byrne ([ofstedenquiries@oakwoodacademy.org.uk](mailto:ofstedenquiries@oakwoodacademy.org.uk))

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that The Redhill Trust remains fully committed to The Oakwood Academy. It is not an accident that The Redhill Trust has been recently rated by the DfE as one of the top ten trusts in the country. Your academy is heavily oversubscribed this year, students have achieved the school's best ever exam results over the last two years and more students than ever are going on to study A levels and university degrees. Whilst we may not agree with all the judgements Ofsted have made about the academy, I hope that we can all continue to work together to get the very best for all our students.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Burns  
Executive Principal

