



St. Paul's Way Community School

A deaf friendly school specialising in the Visual Arts and Applied Learning



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Dear Parents and Guardians

Please find enclosed a letter to students from the Ofsted inspector who visited our school last term. The letter outlines the results of the inspection.

I was pleased to see that the inspectors found that the school is now improving. I also recognise that more needs to be done to ensure that all the students get the education they deserve. The full report can be found on the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk.

Listed below are important statements found in the full report:

- 'Students speak positively about the changes that have been introduced in a short time'
- 'Recent appointments at senior leadership level have strengthened the school's capacity'
- 'The quality of middle leadership is also improving rapidly'
- 'The tracking of student progress in Mathematics and Science is particularly strong'
- 'Support for students who work in the Deaf support Base is particularly well targeted to meet their individual needs'
- 'Students say that they feel safe'
- 'Students say that bullying is rare and dealt with effectively....they are confident to go to teachers for help, and speak positively about the Student Support Officers'
- 'The new experienced Headteacher provides strong leadership. He has a clear and accurate view of the school's main strengths and weaknesses, and has begun to establish an ambitious and compelling vision'

Since I became Headteacher in January I have made a number of changes to the way the school works. Students will have noticed that the appearance of the school site is being improved. The reception area for parents and visitors is now much more welcoming. Work has already started on the brand new school building, which will turn our school into one of the best equipped and exciting places of learning in London.

I am now working closely with all teachers to ensure that lessons are interesting and challenging. We are really hopeful about the future, and are looking forward to seeing our

school exam results improve year by year. Students preparing for their GCSE exams next month are receiving good support for their revision from their teachers.

As we move forward together it is essential that we create a school where all students behave well and attend on time. I have been asked by Ofsted to work hard to prevent lateness in the morning. I am also currently putting in place systems to let you know quickly if your child is ever out of class.

Ofsted will be returning to the school probably in October to see how things are progressing. I promise to keep you informed at every stage of the process.

Thank you for your continued support during this period of transition. At SPWCS we value the contact we have with parents, as we believe it really helps to improve the school for the students. If we all continue to work together, I believe we can ensure that all students at SPWCS will be able to look forward to a very bright future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G Price', written in a cursive style.

Grahame Price
Headteacher