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Bradford Forster Academy
A Church of England Academy



20th March 2025

Re: Graded Ofsted inspection, 11th & 12th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to update you on Bradford Forster Academy's recent graded Ofsted inspection, which took place on 11th and 12th February. We have now received the final report, which will be [available here on the academy's website](#) today.

We are delighted to share with you that we have improved in every Ofsted category, firmly moving out of Inadequate. We are now rated as Requires Improvement for quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, pupils' personal development and leadership. As you know, we have been on a focused journey of school improvement over the last 24 months, and this success is in no small part thanks to your support.

The report highlights the consistent improvements we have achieved and marks significant progress in just two years. This is quicker than the usual time it takes for schools to move out of an Inadequate rating and is thanks to your continued support as well as the hard work of our students and staff, and support of the Trust. In particular, the report includes considerable recognition of how students have supported our Ofsted journey, for which we are very grateful.

Ofsted has recognised how we have raised “standards and expectations” for our students and highlights from the report include:

- *“Pupils’ rates of attendance have improved considerably” and “the school is rightly proud of this achievement.”* We are now the third most improved in the country for student attendance.
- *“The school’s expectations for pupils’ behaviour have increased” and “pupils’ behaviour has improved”*
- *“Pupils form positive relationships with staff” and “the school works closely with local charities to provide support for its pupils and families.”*
- *“Pupils develop a stronger understanding of the curriculum” and “all pupils take part in form time reading”*
- *“Extra-curricular offer includes a wide range of clubs to build on pupils’ talents and interests.”*
- *“Pupils access a well-planned PSHE curriculum.”*
- *“The school identifies effectively any special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) that pupils may have.”*
- *“Pupils have repeated opportunities to engage in a broad range of careers encounters from Years 7 to 11.”*
- *“The school recognises pupils for positive contributions to school life.”*

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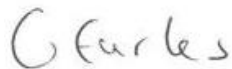
There is lots we can all be proud of here. However, please be assured we also take the suggested areas for improvement within the report incredibly seriously and are absolutely committed to continuing to secure further rapid, effective and long-term improvements in our school, in partnership with you.

To further embed our school improvements, we will be reaffirming our behaviour policy with students and supporting them to reach our high standards. We will also be embedding learnings from the Department for Education's Behaviour Hub and Attendance Improvement Hub, which we have now graduated from, into everyday practices. Furthermore, we will be providing additional staff training to ensure our curriculum is strong in all subjects for all pupils. We are pleased that already our Key Stage 4 results are more in line with the national average and are committed to seeing this continue to improve.

We are confident that as we continue to embed our rigorous improvement plan, we will further build on the successes from this report. We are committed to doing this together and as Ofsted noted, we "are proud to serve" our local area to give all our students the best start in life.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, as always, for your support and partnership – it is truly appreciated. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gemma Earles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Gemma Earles
Principal
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