

Head of Academy: Anna Timms

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Dear parents and carers,

Following an ungraded (section 8) Ofsted inspection at Olive AP Academy – Thurrock (OA-Th) on 4 and 5 June, I am pleased to confirm the academy has retained its 'Good' grading and the inspector reported that the evidence gathered suggests that the inspection grade might be 'Outstanding' if a graded (section 5) inspection were carried out now. This is incredibly encouraging feedback for the academy. It confirms that we are focusing in the right areas and has further strengthened our motivation to keep striving for better.

The full report is available to read on Ofsted's website: <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50250977> with paper copies available on request from the academy office.

It is wonderful that Ofsted has determined that we are still a 'Good' provider after observing the positive work that goes on in our academy to support our learners in reaching their full potential. The report provides a number of wide-ranging examples that demonstrate our high-quality provision, including:

- the impact our outdoor learning offer has on pupils' personal growth and development and the positive correlation with qualifications, reintegration into mainstream settings and successful next steps in education, apprenticeships or employment;
- our carefully designed curriculum model that enables pupils to secure the knowledge they need to be successful, while offering opportunities to develop new and existing talents and interests which sparks pupils' ambitions;
- the important role of our careers programme in supporting pupils achieve their next steps;
- the strength of our partnerships with parents, local schools and the local authority, which helps the academy provide high-quality support to pupils and their families;
- and the effectiveness of our governance arrangements, noting the rigorous systems in place to quality assure the work of the academy.

We will continue to build upon the successes identified by Ofsted in its report so that all pupils make the strongest progress possible, both academically and personally.

We would like to thank our staff, pupils, governors and families who all play a role in ensuring the academy is an effective place to learn, work and succeed. Thank you for your continued support.

You can access an Ofsted guide for parents about school inspections here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspections-a-guide-for-parents>

If you have any questions about the inspection report, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling the academy office on the number below or you can write to us via email.

Yours sincerely,



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