

18th September 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I am thrilled to be able to share our Ofsted report with you, following our two-day long inspection on 27-28th June 2023. As you will see, out of the five inspection areas, Bowling Green Academy has been judged as Outstanding in four - a very rare feat under the current inspection framework that certainly warrants lots of celebration!

The report celebrates pupils, staff, our curriculum and our wider offer of clubs and support for children and their families, and I have read positive words and phrases in Bowling Green's report that I have, quite simply, never read before in an Ofsted report. These include:

- 'Pupils' character and maturity is truly breath-taking'
- 'Leaders have created an inclusive culture in the school'
- 'Pupils' knowledge of the school values and virtues is exceptional... They know, understand and celebrate differences in society'
- 'Reading and language are at the heart of the curriculum. Pupils are captivated by stories, spellbound by what might come next'
- 'Children in the early years get the precise teaching and support that they need. They rapidly pick up important skills and knowledge'
- 'Parents and carers appreciate the culture of high expectations in the school'
- 'There is an ambitious curriculum for all children'.


In the feedback to staff, our two Inspectors also added:

- 'Attendance is impressive. Children come to school because they are happy to come. Children are delighted to be in these classes'
- 'Opportunities abound for children at this school'
- 'Parents love the culture of the school and staff members' knowledge of all children. Parents feel that staff care'
- Staff are absolutely buzzing to work at this school'.

We are **delighted** with our report and feedback. As you will read in the full report, Inspectors noted some curriculum developments that will further enhance two foundation subjects: Art & Design and Music. The report also notes how aware we are as a school that these two subjects need 'tweaks' to become more bespoke to Bowling Green, which we had begun working on during summer term. We have already started our updated Art & Design curriculum and are continuing to work with Calderdale Music this year, too.

Overall, I am sure you will agree that this is a report to celebrate and treasure - it is by-far the best Ofsted report Bowling Green has ever received and, again, it is a joy to celebrate it with you all. Thank you to our staff, as always, for their hard work and dedication towards our school and its high standards. Thank you also to you, our families and children, for all your support towards Bowling Green – we are a proud community school with a passion for excellence and this report captures that in abundance.

With thanks,



Jamie Stuttard
Principal



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Bowling Green OFSTED report

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Great Heights Academy Trust is delighted that, following an Ofsted inspection at Bowling Green Academy on 27th and 28th June 2023, the school has been recognised as a good school that is outstanding in four out of the five areas of the inspection – a remarkable achievement and one to celebrate.

It has been truly a privilege and a pleasure over the past two and a half years to see the hard work and determination of all leaders and staff to ensure your children and the community of Bowling Green can have an academy school they are proud of. We thank you all as parents and carers for your support and understanding as the team and our Trust has driven forward change and improvements.

You joined our Trust in December 2020 and we are now seeing the everyday activities your children enjoy and are able to succeed in – they appreciate the wider world around them and build up independence and tenacity. We are clear that your children are being better prepared for their future life experiences and we look forward to celebrating further successes together in the months and years to come.

It was therefore no surprise to us that, over the course of the inspection, the teachers, senior leadership team, school staff, governors, parents and - most importantly - the children were able to interact with the inspectors and demonstrate how much they valued school and their experiences within it.

We are delighted that leadership at all levels has been recognised as 'exceptionally strong'. The Trust would like to extend their thanks and congratulations to Mr Stuttard for his excellent leadership and for driving forward high expectations, supporting staff and connecting positively with the community, which has resulted in such resounding improvements. Our thanks also go out to the senior leadership team and of course to all the teachers and school staff, Local Governing Body and you as parents, who together work so hard day-in and day-out to ensure your children 'fly high, thrive and flourish both academically and personally'. We are incredibly proud of you all and so pleased that the school has been recognised as outstanding in so many areas.

With very best wishes,

Mrs A Bennett

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Inspection of Bowling Green Academy

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Overall effectiveness	Good
The quality of education	Good
Behaviour and attitudes	Outstanding
Personal development	Outstanding
Leadership and management	Outstanding
Early years provision	Outstanding
Previous inspection grade	Not previously inspected under section 5 of the Education Act 2005