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Ofsted report published
Outwood Academy Riverside - A 'good' school

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to write to you following OFSTED's inspection of Outwood Academy Riverside on 17th and 18th May 2023. This is the first inspection of our school which opened in September 2020 and I am proud to announce that **Ofsted have judged us to be a good school in every category.**

Inspectors stated that *'leaders and staff at Outwood Academy Riverside are united in their commitment to the diverse range of pupils who attend their school'* and that *'staff provide excellent pastoral support. They support pupils well and encourage them to become polite and resilient young adults'* They praised the positive culture in school noting that *'relationships between pupils and staff are warm and respectful'* and that *'bullying is rare.'*

The report comments that *'staff are passionate and knowledgeable about their subjects. They are enthusiastic about engaging pupils in their learning'* and that *'leaders ensure that pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are well supported'*.

Inspectors recognised the additional commitment from staff to ensure that *'pupils benefit from a wide variety of opportunities that enrich their education'*. OFSTED highlighted that *'speech and language classes help pupils to present themselves confidently and communicate their ideas clearly'* and how this prepares them for the future.

The full report can be read here: (<https://www.riverside.outwood.com/posts/6533>)

Since the inspection visit, we have been busy working on our areas for development and we are making improvements as we continue our journey to be an outstanding school for our community.

The report reflects that our school has been on an amazing journey since first opening in 2020 with only 90 year 7 students in Queens Square, Middlesbrough and in September we will have 570 students on roll in year 7 - 10. I would like to thank all staff, and members of the Academy Council for their hard work and commitment to our school's development.

I also thank you all, as parents, for your ongoing and invaluable support of our school. I am incredibly proud of our 'Riverside family' who work together for the benefit of our school and its wonderful children. The students are a credit to us all. I look forward to working together with you all in our continued shared pursuit to deliver an exceptionally high quality of education for our children and community.

Yours faithfully



Melissa Brant-Smith
Principal