

Dear Families,

I hope this letter finds you well. We are about to head into a mini heatwave this week, I hope you get some time outdoors this weekend.

You will recall that we were visited by Ofsted in March. We have now received the final report. You can read it by following the link here <https://shuttleworthcollege.org/wp-content/uploads/Shuttleworth-College-Ofsted-report.pdf>

We feel the school is in its strongest place ever. We have continued to improve results year on year, and had our best ever results in the history of the school last year. Fingers crossed for the year 11s this year! Our young people do as well or better here at Shuttleworth than their peers in most high schools across the country.

As families who support our school and choose to send their children here you will know we have a very inclusive ethos. We have students of all abilities, backgrounds and needs. Some young people join us with a reading age of 16 and some with one of 6; this is what makes our school so special. We also support over 100 young people with ASD and/or ADHD.

I am so proud of how hard your children and our staff work to get the very best from school, regardless of starting points or academic ability.

It isn't common for a school to be as diverse as ours in terms of academic prior attainment and for students to do so well. The main barrier to a young person achieving their best here is poor attendance, as is the picture nationally.

The inspection team shared our positivity around the school. I have to say they struggled to grasp the scale of support students have for reading and special educational needs, leading to the comments about progress in reading. We know that many of our young people in our supported sets will progress more slowly improving their reading age compared to students in the other sets.

The areas the team raised for us to look at form part of our ongoing work around the quality of education. Much of the challenge they raised was actually around historical issues or outcomes where we have addressed any gaps with new or additional staffing.

After 11 years here, I continue to be as proud of our school community as I ever have been. There is no doubt we all face more challenges now as a school and as families than we did some years ago, but we continue to work together for the best outcomes for your children.

As ever, I thank you all for your ongoing support as families. We keep doing all we can to ensure the young people under our care get as much as they possibly can from their 5 years of high school.

Any questions or queries please feel free to email me directly on rengland@shuttleworth.lancs.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,



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