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Dear parents and carers,

Ofsted Inspection Outcome, 2024

Following our inspection by Ofsted on 12th and 13th March 2024, I am now able to share the final report with you all. We are delighted to tell you that Ofsted have judged Rooks Heath School once again to be a GOOD school. We are extremely proud of this positive outcome which is a testament to the care and commitment of our staff, the support of our parents and carers, and of course, a celebration of our wonderful students.

At Rooks Heath School, visitors that spend time in our school, frequently leave with a strong sense of our inclusive ethos and an impression of both the student's and staff's enthusiasm, happiness, supportiveness, and kindness. Our Ofsted report captured this:

"Rooks Heath School is a diverse and vibrant community. It is a welcoming, inclusive school where pupils are safe and happy. Pupils from different backgrounds and cultures and with a range of needs learn together here successfully."

The report also acknowledged that staff who teach and support your children, have high expectations and secure subject knowledge and are proud to work at the school:

"Teachers have strong subject knowledge."

"Staff are proud to work here."

"They enjoy a culture of clear expectations."

We are very proud of the many strengths that Ofsted identified, and these include:

- an ambitious curriculum
- students behaving well in lessons and around school
- students being polite and respectful to adults
- attendance to school being a priority
- opportunities for student leadership
- wide-ranging careers programme
- school prepares students well for ambitious next steps
- governors know the school well
- safeguarding arrangements are effective
- students feel supported
- SEN students accurately identified
- attendance levels above national averages
- personal development programme is well considered
- students have high aspirations

We are delighted that Ofsted have recognised the strengths and the work that we do. In February, Challenge Partners identified Rooks Heath School as a 'Leading' school and the Inclusion Quality





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Mark has awarded us 'Centre of Excellence'. We are keen to improve further, and we intend to achieve the highest award of 'Flagship' this year.

The report identified only two areas for development, and these will have a focus in our school improvement plan. We have already planned for staff professional development to ensure every teacher, including our visiting teachers are skilled and have confidence to support all students with a special educational need to learn well. Our literacy plan is focused on reading, which begins right from the start of joining Rooks Heath School with new Year 7 joiners and those who arrive with reading levels below their actual ages.

We are very pleased with the outcome of our inspection, and you will be able to read more about the inspector's judgements in the published report.

Thank you to every member of the school community, and our governors and Trust members who work tirelessly to ensure Rooks Heath School remains a great place for children to learn. Also, we express with a deep appreciation a thank you to our parents and carers who completed the survey and for all of your welcome support. I was very proud of the way your children conducted themselves during the inspection and you should be also.

Rooks Heath School will continue to build on our successes.

Please have a look at the Ofsted report available on our school website. The report is also be published on the Ofsted website here <https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50246408> .

If you have any questions related to the report, please email contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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