



Academy Life

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Academy achieves positive Ofsted letter

Drapers' Academy Principal, Mr Slater, was delighted by the letter of report received from Her Majesty's Inspectors following their recent Ofsted visit on September 21st and 22nd recognising the improvements being made to educational standards in Harold Hill.

"This letter represents a positive Ofsted report endorsing the new Academy and recognising all the hard work by staff in its first year, and the good progress being made in raising educational standards. It is an encouraging step in the right direction," said Mr Slater.



The report commended the Academy's achievements in the following areas:

- The inspectors were particularly impressed by the Academy's focus on improving literacy skills giving an example of an outstanding year 9 drama class.
- The report noted that Pupils' GCSE attainment exceeded the national standards and represented very good progress for pupils given the attainment levels on joining the Academy.
- With 78% of lessons receiving an outstanding or good grade the quality of teaching was deemed to be greatly improved.
- Science and maths, Academy specialisms, were recognised as areas of strength, making a positive contribution to improving standards and raising aspirations of pupils to continue to study with A-levels and attending sixth form.
- There has been significant improvements in pupils' attendance and punctuality.
- Pupils' enjoyed the increased range of clubs and extra curricular activities available to them.

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Mr Slater commented; "I'd like to pay tribute to the drive and commitment of staff, governors and pupils who have been with us on this first step of the journey and made the progress to date possible. All the staff have worked very hard in this first year to improve the standard of learning at Drapers' Academy, so it is brilliant to see their hard work recognised in our first Ofsted report."