

3 September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Ofsted inspection report

We are pleased to share the report from our Ofsted inspection on 10 March 2026, attached to this letter. Ofsted will publish it on their website shortly.

Inspectors judged Waverley School to be at the **expected standard in seven of the eight areas** they looked at and confirmed that our **safeguarding standards are met**.

This was our first inspection under Ofsted's new inspection framework, introduced last academic year. It is a more demanding form of inspection than before: rather than one overall word such as "good" or "outstanding", inspectors now examine eight separate areas of a school's work, judge each one individually against clearly defined standards, and set out their findings in far more detail. Six inspectors spent two days here, looking closely at every part of our school.

We welcomed that scrutiny, and we are genuinely proud of what they found. To be recognised at the expected standard across seven areas, under a tougher and more detailed framework, is a real achievement and it belongs to our staff, and above all to our young people, who were themselves a credit to this school throughout the inspection.

In the inspectors' own words

- "This is a very multicultural school where pupils feel welcomed. Pupils who join the school part way through the academic year quickly develop a sense of belonging."
- "Pupils know and trust that staff will help to keep them safe."
- "Challenges that pupils face are noticed swiftly. Pupils receive a range of highly effective pastoral and wellbeing support."
- "Staff know pupils well, which positively influences pupils' wellbeing."
- "These consistent approaches ensure that the school environment is safe and calm for everyone."
- "Staff deal with any bullying effectively to ensure it stops."
- "Most pupils achieve well from their individual starting points and are well prepared for the next stage in their education, employment or training."
- "The primary curriculum is broad, well sequenced and taught with confidence."
- "Children are well cared for and nurtured. Staff ensure that children are safe and happy." (early years)
- "Many pupils make considerable progress from their individual starting points. This includes pupils who join the school in the very early stages of speaking English."
- "The sixth form is welcoming and inclusive. Students are respectful and act as positive role models for younger pupils... They are encouraged to aim high."
- "Everyone can take part in extra-curricular activities such as sports, choir and chess clubs."
- "Most parents speak positively of the work of the school... Parents and carers value the positive impact the school has on the local community."

That last one means a great deal to us. Thank you.

Where we need to improve

We are an ambitious school, and we are not complacent. One area, **curriculum and teaching**, was judged as needing attention. Teaching in our primary phase and across many secondary subjects is strong, but it is not yet consistent enough across all secondary subjects. This work was already underway before the inspection and is part of our improvement plans. Ofsted will return to look at it again, and we look forward to showing them the difference.

Where we need your help: attendance

Inspectors praised the progress we have made, writing that our actions are "timely, well chosen and already helping many pupils to attend more often". That happened because families worked with us.

But a child at 90% attendance still misses around four weeks of school a year. Please send your child in every day if they are well enough, keep holidays out of term time, and tell us early if anything is making school hard. Whatever it is, we would far rather know than not.

Thank you

Days like this are a chance to stop and recognise something we see every day: that this is a school our young people are proud to belong to, and that our community can be proud of too. Thank you for the part you play in it.

If you would like to discuss the report, or your child's attendance, please contact the school at enquiry@waverley.bham.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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