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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, The Bridge Short Stay School were inspected by OFSTED on the 15th & 16th May, as part of their regular programme of checks on the quality of provision in schools.

Over the course of the two days, we welcomed two inspectors into school, across both the Ellesmere Port sites. This was a very thorough process, with the inspectors spending a great deal of time observing learning in lessons; behaviour around the school; reviewing students work & school records and talking at length with a variety of members of staff, students, parents, governors and the Local Authority.

Following this process, I am pleased to be able to inform you that the school has now been judged as Good overall, and has also received a good judgement in all of the specific areas inspected, namely, Leadership & Management; Teaching, Learning & Assessment; Personal Development, Behaviour & Welfare and Outcomes for Pupils.

Staff in school work tirelessly in trying to support our young people in creating a brighter future, whatever their background and previous difficulties in school. I'm delighted that this has been recognised externally.

Amongst other details inspectors noted that:

"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment has improved and is good. Teachers know their subjects well. They combine this with an in-depth understanding of the academic and emotional needs of the pupils they teach. As a result, pupils develop the confidence needed to attempt new work and to make good progress."

"Pupils who leave at the end of Year 11 gain accreditations which help them to access further education, employment or training. An increasing number of younger pupils have returned to a mainstream setting or to appropriate special school provision"

"Staff go the extra mile to support pupils in improving their attendance and behaviour"

"Pivotal to this is the establishment of a calm atmosphere conducive to learning. You ensure that pupils are welcomed every day. The ethos encourages respect and tolerance towards each other and to staff. As a result, pupils have good attitudes to learning and begin to make good progress towards challenging academic and behavioural targets"

“Teachers are skilled at explaining difficult concepts to pupils and following up any misunderstandings”

“Pupils are accepting and tolerant of differences because they are taught to respect each other. They understand different types of bullying and there are fewer cases of bullying in school than there used to be.”

“Behaviour in and around school sites is consistently good, with very little inappropriate behaviour. Behaviour in lessons is consistently good”

In line with our expectations of students, it is important that we recognise this success, but also that we use it as a platform to continue to seek further improvements. I'm working hard with all of the staff team in order to further develop our school, both in line with the recommendations that OFSTED have made but also in line with our own priorities in school.

I have enclosed a copy of the full report for your information, this is also available on our website and will be published on the OFSTED website shortly.

Best Wishes



Mr A Stewart
Headteacher