

Dear Parents and Carers,

Greenbank School has a residential provision and as such is inspected by Ofsted separately to school. All schools with a residential provision are inspected over a 3 day period by Ofsted annually. Schools are not given any advanced notice of an inspection. I received a call from the lead inspector on the morning of 18th September, 2018 informing me that an inspection team would be arriving at school at midday in order to complete a residential inspection. All parents were informed. As you would expect the inspection was very thorough and I would like to thank those of you who volunteered to speak to members of the inspection team and complete a short questionnaire. Once complete, the inspection report has to undergo a series of quality assurance checks, which takes time. I have this week received the final draft of the report which judges that the residential provision at Greenbank School is **Outstanding**. There are three areas of judgement:

Overall experiences and progress of children and young people, taking into account, **Outstanding**

How well children and young people are helped and protected **Outstanding**

The effectiveness of leaders and managers **Outstanding**

I am delighted at the outcome. After a difficult consultation period in the Summer Term, where residential provision had to be reduced, the staff that make the residential experience such an Outstanding one have continued to work tirelessly to make young people's experiences so positive. Thank you to *Jackie Boniface, Charlene Brown, Charlotte Yarwood* and all the residential team for their commitment, dedication, professionalism and care. You make a difference to the lives of young people every day. Well Done.

A huge well done also to Alexander Stanway. Alex, together with a number of other students were encouraged by Mrs Roscoe (Head of English) to enter a national writing competition. Alex wrote about the '*Windrush generation*' and his work was selected to go from the regional to the national finals. At the final hundreds of entries were judged. Alex won third place in his category and his work was highlighted by Gok Wan (one of the judges). Alex went to London with his family and Mrs Roscoe to collect his award last week and a prize of £350 for school. What an achievement and a great experience. Congratulations- well deserved.

It is vital that school is able to make contact with parents and carers for a whole range of reasons, including chasing up an absent pupil, illness or transport issues etc. School is finding it increasingly difficult to contact families. Can I ask that if contact details change, please inform school. When school does ring, the number that may appear on your phone is **0845 148 0060**. Parents have shared that they thought this was a sales or cold call. This is not the case, it is the school dial out number.

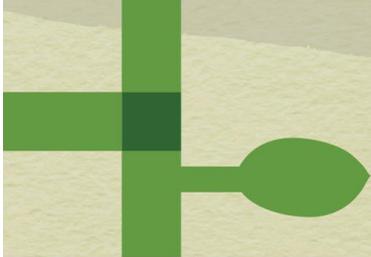
Finally thank you to parents who attended the Key Stage 3, 4 and 5 coffee mornings over that last few weeks and to Mr Hopwood, one of our Parent Governors, who was able to attend the Key Stage 4 coffee morning on Thursday. It provided a good opportunity to meet and talk about school. Thank you for your time, I hope you also found it useful to meet the staff that support your child. Have an enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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