



Celebrating our Ofsted report



Dear Families,

I am incredibly proud to share with you our fantastic OFSTED report following our inspection in the summer term, which saw us graded as **‘Strong Standard’** for the area of **Leadership and Governance** and **‘Expected Standard’** in the other six areas. These grades reflect the rapid changes shown in every area of our school and mean we are a high performing school, doing everything we should and more.

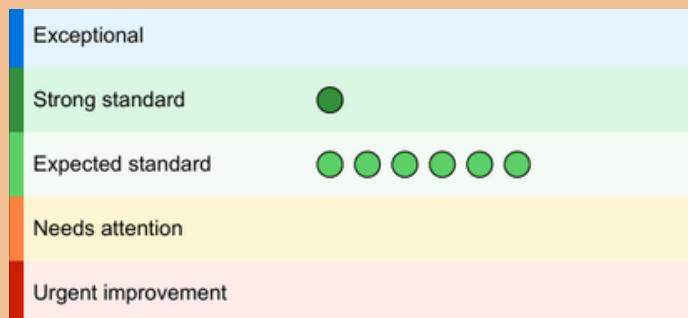
This is a wonderful achievement for our whole school community. It reflects the hard work of staff, students, and families, the love that underpins how we support each other and our shared ambition which has helped our school flourish over the last couple of years. I’m pleased inspectors noted *“pupils, including students in the sixth form, recognise that their day-to-day experiences in school have improved dramatically in a short space of time.”*

I’m thrilled to see our strong commitment to our values of Courage, Love and Ambition recognised with

inspectors writing that *“these are brought to life for pupils in their everyday interactions with staff.”* These values are not just words, they shape who we are and guide what we do each day.

I’m also delighted inspectors acknowledged the opportunities we offer students beyond the classroom. From elite sports coaching through our Basketball Academy to our engineering pathways, our extra-curricular programme reflects our ambition for every student to discover their interests and achieve their full potential.

Our Report Card



Understanding the Ofsted report

You will notice that the Ofsted report looks a little bit different. They are now using a different framework for reporting and there is no longer a one-word judgement, but instead a colour coded report card with grades in up to eight areas (including post-16 and nursery).

According to Ofsted *“the ‘expected standard’ is just that - it means the school or other provider is doing everything that it should be doing... It’s a high standard, to make sure your children are receiving everything they need and deserve.”*



Find out more about the changes to the way Ofsted report their findings by watching this [video](#).



Ofsted report highlights

The report highlights a number of positive aspects of our school, including:



“New leadership has quickly brought about sweeping improvements to the school. The day to-day experiences of pupils and staff have been revitalised. Pupils arrive at the school gate optimistic about what the day will hold.”

“The trust provides highly effective support to leaders, enabling them to focus on improving outcomes.”



“There has been a rapid expansion in the scope of the school’s extra-curricular offer. The school works with pupils to identify the talents and interests they would like to develop and puts on clubs matched to their preferences.”

“The school is serious about its core values of courage, love and ambition. These are brought to life for pupils in their everyday interactions with staff. Pupils are greeted warmly as they arrive for school, and they have learned to respond in kind.”



“Pupils make impressive progress from their starting points in mathematics and produce high-quality work. Reading and writing skills improve steadily.”

“Reading and sharing books together is a regular feature of the school day... The school's thriving reading culture, underpinned by effective use of the library, promotes reading for pleasure.”





Our next steps

As a school, we are incredibly proud of how far we have come together and the significant improvement Ofsted inspectors recognised in their report. But we are equally excited about what comes next as we continue to make Tor Bridge High the very best place it can be to learn, work and belong, rooted in our values of Courage, Love and Ambition.

We will continue to 'Bring the Joy' into school every day, as part of our personal development programme, to support students to feel proud of who they are and what they achieve, recognising and rewarding their successes both in and beyond the classroom. We'll also carry on creating opportunities for every student to discover new talents, build confidence and experience things that broaden their horizons and raise their aspirations.

Alongside this, we will use inspectors feedback to strengthen the school experience including through supporting students to attend well, to make the most of the opportunities on offer, and expanding our personal development programme to prepare students for their next steps.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff for everything they give to our students each day, our colleagues across the Trust for their continued support and, of course, our students, who represent our school so wonderfully and make me proud every day. Most importantly, I want to thank you, our families. Your support, trust and partnership with us matters enormously and has played such an important part in the journey our school has been on.

Whilst this Ofsted outcome is a wonderful recognition of the progress we have made, for me, the success of our school will always be about so much more than an inspection judgement. I see it every day in the kindness shown across our school, in the relationships between our staff and students, in the pride our young people have in their school and, most importantly, in seeing our students happy, thriving and enjoying coming to Tor Bridge High.

Thank you for continuing to believe in and support our school. I feel incredibly proud to be your Headteacher and very excited about the next chapter for Tor Bridge High and our community.

Tracy Stephenson,
Head Teacher

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report [here](#).

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Read our report ↗

Courage

Love

Ambition