



# CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

AMBITION - RESILIENCE - KINDNESS

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Dear Parents and Carers

## **Re: Ofsted report**

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 27 January 2026.

This report marks an important moment for our school. It recognises not only how far we have come, but also the strong, positive culture that now underpins daily life at Chase High School. Inspectors described the school as “a happier place, with more effective teaching” and highlighted that “the culture of behaviour at Chase High School is positive.” These comments reflect the sustained effort, commitment and care shown by both our staff and pupils.

What stood out most during the inspection was our pupils themselves. Ofsted noted that they are “typically polite and courteous” and that they “look out for each other.” Inspectors also recognised that most pupils are ambitious and engage well in their learning. I could not be prouder of how our young people conducted themselves – they were calm, confident and genuine throughout. This was not something put on for inspection; it is what we see every day. Our values of Ambition, Resilience and Kindness are truly lived out by our pupils, and you should feel very proud of your children.

I am also very pleased that safeguarding has been judged to be effective. Inspectors recognised the “open culture in which safeguarding is everyone’s responsibility” and confirmed that “pupils are made safer and feel safe.” This is, and will always remain, a key priority for our school.

While we are proud of the progress identified, we recognise that there is still work to do. The report acknowledges that the actions we are taking are the right ones, noting that leaders have “taken highly effective action” and have “established a safe, positive environment for pupils.” At the same time, it highlights areas where further development is needed. We fully embrace these next steps and are committed to building on the strong foundations now in place to continue improving outcomes and experiences for all pupils.

It is also important to understand that the new Ofsted report card and inspection framework sets a significantly higher and more demanding standard than in previous years. The “expected standard” judgement reflects a rigorous benchmark and a high bar and, while there is no direct comparison, it is widely recognised across the education sector as aligning closely with what would previously have been considered a secure “good” judgement. Further information about the new framework and report card can be found [here](#).



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I will be speaking with all pupils in assemblies tomorrow to ensure they understand what the report means and to celebrate the many positive comments made about them – they thoroughly deserve that recognition.

Finally, I would like to thank our committed and dedicated staff, including those across the Trust, who want only the very best for your children. I would also like to extend that thanks to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support – it makes a real difference to our school community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



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