



2nd November 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

LPGS short Inspection October 2016: Letter published.

As you know, at the start of the third week of term, LPGS had a short inspection under the newly revised Ofsted inspection framework. This framework is very different from and a great deal more rigorous than that which applied to schools inspected in previous years. Short inspections are now applied to schools which were last judged to be good, and are literally that – lasting one day after half a day's notice. The outcome of such a visit, by a small team of two inspectors, is not a report but a letter to confirm whether the school remains 'good'. No separate judgements are made under the headings used in normal inspection reports. The letter can be accessed from the link to our inspection reports on the school website.

We received it just before we broke up for half term. I'm pleased to say that it confirms that we are still 'good' and continuing to improve in exactly the ways we have set out to do in our own development plans. The letter endorses our judgements about what we need to do to continue to develop really world class education for all of our students. This follows a year in which we have received national recognition for outcomes putting us in the top 100 comprehensive schools, the top 10 non-selective schools in London and an award for the progress our disadvantaged students have made. Our summer 2016 GCSE results, judged by the new 'Progress 8' and 'Attainment 8 measures' are, for the third year running, the best of all non-selective Bromley schools.

I hope you agree with me that it is helpful to have this external verification of LPGS' school improvement work and of our own self-evaluation. We welcome and relish the challenge of continuing to raise our expectations and aspirations so that all of our students benefit from forensic focus on their needs and abilities and are empowered to become the best all-round people they can be. This would not be possible without the commitment of our highly dedicated and skilled teachers, support staff and governors.

Yours sincerely,

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