

Langley Park School for Girls

Headteacher: Dr Anne Hudson



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Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED REPORT 2012

Following on from the letters from Dr Hudson and the Ofsted Inspectors, the Governors and I would like to add our comments on the recent successful inspection.

I met with Dr Hudson and some of the staff before, during and after the inspection and I must say how impressed I was with the huge effort and commitment made by the school during what is a very challenging and rigorous process.

During the interview of three governors by the Ofsted Inspectors, they told us how much they supported all of the procedures and policies that Dr Hudson has put into place over the past year, particularly those predicting students' future achievements. The Ofsted Inspectors said that we are now amongst the most advanced schools using these statistical analyses to support students to achieve their full potential.

Although the full report is available to you on the LPGS web site, I thought that it would be useful if I highlighted some of the report here.

With reference to the curriculum, the report praises our recent changes:

"The new curriculum design across the school better meets the needs of all students with a more balanced curriculum at Key Stage 3, and a broader curriculum offer at both Key Stage 4 and the sixth form. The curriculum in the sixth form has been significantly enhanced".

Overall the Inspectors were very complimentary about all of the improvements which have been made during the past year:

"Under the effective and passionate leadership of the Headteacher, leaders, managers and governors have quickened the pace of improvements in students' achievement. Effective, sustainable systems have been implemented that have improved teachers' understanding of how well students are performing".

On behalf of the Governing Body I would like to thank Dr Hudson, the Leadership Team and all of the staff for their hard work and dedication, not just during the inspection, but throughout the year. As we are currently in a time of change, initiating lots of new practices, it was a challenging time to deal with a new and much more rigorous inspection, but the staff dealt with it admirably. I think that it is important to stress that the new Ofsted Inspection is significantly different to the previous reviews with a greater emphasis on the whole teaching process and its delivery.

As Dr Hudson said, and the Ofsted Inspectors told the Governors, we are confident that the work we are doing now will ensure that we really do meet the criteria for the new 'outstanding' before our next inspection.

Kind regards.

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Chair of Governors

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