



Dear Parents/Carers,

Following our recent Ofsted inspection in March 2022, I am beyond delighted to be able to write to you, to share with parents and carers that inspectors judged that Noel Baker Academy is now a 'Good' school.

Inspectors recognised the significant improvements made across the Academy since consecutive inadequate judgements in 2016 and 2018, describing the academy as 'transformed' and as 'a school of which the whole community can be proud.'

We have worked exceptionally hard to ensure the curriculum is broad and ambitious and it was wonderful for the inspection team to note that the curriculum is 'highly ambitious' and that teachers 'use their expertise well to deliver the planned curriculum,' helping pupils to 'make links between their learning.'

Inspectors noted that student 'conduct is exemplary,' that pupils at Noel-Baker 'thrive' and praised our wonderful students who they recognise make a 'positive contribution their community' and 'are ambitious for their futures.' I know that you will join me in recognising just how wonderful the young people of Noel-Baker Academy are.

It's hard to find the words to express just how proud we are of our student body and all that they have achieved and will continue to do so despite the disruption to all of our lives that the last few years have wrought. Their ambition and determination to be the best that they can be makes us proud every single day.

Finally, thank you to all of the parents, carers, alumni and members of the wider community for their support in driving forward the improvements at Noel-Baker over the last four years. Your support, dedication and willingness to embrace change, are the foundations for the improvements we have achieved and with your continued support, we look forward to building upon on successes to date and to the Academy continuing on its strong upward trajectory, as we work towards becoming an exceptional academy.

A full copy of the report can be found here: <https://www.noelbakeracademy.co.uk/ofsted-2>

And a short celebratory video shared with students in school today can be found here: https://youtu.be/D7f1dM_hNBU

Thank you, and here's to the next chapter in our journey.



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