

Press release

The Oxford Academy praised for “emphatic focus on raising standards”

November 2009: On 14th/15th October 2009, Ofsted Inspectors carried out a monitoring inspection at The Oxford Academy.

The report identified that there is a strong management team in place, which has established a clear direction for the Academy. It also recognises the management’s “**emphatic focus on raising standards**” and that their work over the past 12 months is starting to produce positive results. Amongst the reports key findings were that the rate of progress is improving and more students are on course to reach their targets. Additional points to note include:

- the quality of teaching is improving and much is rated as ‘good’
- behaviour has improved significantly
- systems introduced to improve attitudes to work are beginning to have an impact
- care, guidance and support for students is an increasing strength of the Academy
- students feel safe and well cared for
- parental involvement has increased significantly and the Academy has recently been awarded a national gold standard in recognition of this work

Commenting on the report, Principal Mike Reading said *“We are pleased that the report acknowledges the progress that is being made, however, we know there is a great deal more to do and it remains our priority to ensure that every Oxford Academy student reaches their full potential and that we provide the best possible education for the young people of the communities we serve”*.

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The Oxford Academy, which opened in September 2008, is sponsored by The Diocese of Oxford and co-sponsored by Oxford Brookes University and the Beecroft Trust. The Oxford Academy specialises in Mathematics, ICT and Sport. The Academy’s overriding objectives are to transform the educational facilities and life chances of students and the local communities. It is a Church of England Academy welcoming students of any or no faith.

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