



7th September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Re: OfSTED Inspection Report: 8-9 July 2015

I am writing to inform you that the above report has now been published. You may view the document on our website by following this link <http://arkhelenswood.org/about-us/ofsted-and-performance-data>. If you do not have internet access then please contact the school office and a paper copy will be made available for you.

The report recognises the good work which the academy is doing to secure an improvement in GCSE and A Level outcomes for all students; and during the last two weeks of the academic year inspectors were able to see that: 'Externally verified predictions indicate that GCSE and sixth form results will improve in 2015 and future years'; a fact which of course has been substantiated in our fantastic GCSE and A Level results reported this August. In particular the report recognises the advances in maths teaching which have taken place since our last inspection in 2011, the exemplary practice in the arts and humanities subjects, and that our work to ensure students' safety and tackle bullying is good.

However, the whole staff team will be working to ensure that further improvements will be embedded into our daily life here at Ark Helenswood, so that we can ensure that all students, no matter what their academic starting point on entry to the academy, can make exemplary progress through great teaching.

I would like to invite you to a meeting where I will outline the key academy improvement priorities for 2015-2016 in line with the improvements highlighted in the OfSTED report on **Thursday 17th September at 5.00 pm in the Upper School Hall**. I will be joined by members of the senior leadership team and the Ark Hastings Regional Director, Mr Mark Phillips, to answer any questions which you may have.

If you would like to join us for this event please indicate either by emailing: info@helenswoodacademy.org, or returning the slip below to the school office at either the Lower or Upper Sites.

Yours faithfully

Mrs L Monk
Principal

Student name: _____ Tutor Group: _____

I will be attending the parent/carer Q&A session on the OfSTED report on Thursday 17th September at 5.00pm in the Upper School Hall.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Carer) Parent name: _____



PRINCIPAL: Lucy Monk
REGIONAL DIRECTOR: Mark Phillips