



Olive AP Academy
CAMBRIDGE

Olive Academies

Head of School: Tony Machin

Friday 23 September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

Following the Ofsted inspection at Olive AP Academy – Cambridge (OA-Cam) on 5 and 6 July, I am delighted to confirm the academy has been graded 'Good' in all areas. The full report will be available on the Ofsted website towards the end of the month, but is available to read now on our academy website <https://apcambridge.oliveacademies.org.uk/our-curriculum/our-ofsted-reports> with paper copies available from the academy office.

The grades that can be awarded by Ofsted are Outstanding (1), Good (2), Requires Improvement (3), Inadequate (4). It is wonderful that Ofsted has observed the positive work that goes on in our academy to support our learners in reaching their full potential.

I am particularly pleased that Ofsted recognised the importance of the redesigned curriculum we introduced earlier this year, acknowledging that it offers flexibility with learning programmes designed to meet individual needs.

The report also confirms our effective safeguarding practices, highlighting '*Extensive collaboration with external agencies, including representatives from local authority services, health professionals, the police and commissioning schools, ensures that wraparound support is routinely focused on pupils' safeguarding needs.*' Safeguarding is a priority for everyone at OA-Cam, and indeed Olive Academies Trust as a whole, so it is extremely pleasing to see the effectiveness of our approach has been recognised.

The inspector has also commented on our holistic approach within the report. In particular, the importance of our whole-pupil support '*Leaders are ambitious for pupils' academic achievement, as well as for their personal, social and emotional well-being*' and the way we work collectively with relevant individuals and professionals to deliver meaningful learning opportunities '*[learning] plans include the views of teachers, pupils, parents and health professionals.*'

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, students, governors and families who all play a role in ensuring the academy is an effective place to learn, work and succeed. Thank you for your continued support.

You can access an Ofsted guide for parents about school inspections here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-inspections-a-guide-for-parents>

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If you have any questions about the inspection report, please do not hesitate to contact us by calling the academy office on the number below or you can write to us via email. We would be happy to respond to your queries.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Machin'.

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