



Cardinal Langley RC High School

Headteacher: Mr A Bridson B.Sc. (Hons)

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you are aware, Cardinal Langley was inspected by Ofsted on 22nd and 23rd April and I thank you for your messages of support and positive comments on the Parent View website. The inspection report is included with this letter and highlights the many positives which make Cardinal Langley such an excellent school. The students have been a credit to both themselves and you throughout the process and the inspectors particularly commented on;

'Students and staff are extremely courteous and respectful of each other across all areas of the school. There is an obvious mutual care between everyone and students are often seen supporting their peers to improve their work.'

The academic performance of students at Cardinal Langley is very high, with GCSE achievement in the top 25% of schools nationally and the Sixth Form outcomes judged to be good. The school is aware of its strengths and areas for improvement and has been working hard this year to implement new policies and approaches that can ensure the highest possible quality of education for your son or daughter.

The inspection team agreed with the school that although our academic outcomes are high across the school, in some subjects students do not perform as well as they could. This has been our priority for the year and I can assure you we will act fully on their recommendations. This year we have introduced a more rigorous marking policy to ensure all students understand the quality of the work they produce and are clear on what needs to be done to improve. The inspectors agreed that this was the correct approach and have asked us to ensure the good practice in the school is shared by all teachers.

The report highlights a significant number of positive areas but has also given us some challenges for the coming months. The inspectors were confident that the leadership of the school was strong and would be able to secure these improvements without further monitoring. To assist us in this, I would be grateful if you would check that your son or daughter has all the correct equipment when they arrive at school, specifically pens, pencil, ruler, rubber, scientific calculator, compass, protractor, for Years 7 to 9 library books, and any other items they need for specific subjects. This would greatly help us to ensure that the quality of work produced is of the highest possible standard. We rely upon strong parental support and this has always been an impressive feature of our school community.

The overall judgement for the school of Requires Improvement is disappointing given the many strengths highlighted. I am sure when you read the report you will agree with me that there is much to celebrate and our students will continue to enjoy their education at Cardinal Langley and achieve highly both here and in the future. If you wish to discuss any aspects of the report with me then please contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully,

A Bridson
Headteacher