

18 November 2019

Dear families,

I am writing to inform you of the outcome of a recent Ofsted inspection which was carried out on the 22/10/19. The inspection was carried out due to concerns raised last year to Ofsted regarding key elements of the provision offered at King Edward VI Handsworth Wood Girls Academy. The inspection was carried out by a team of five inspectors including two of Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI).

As this was not a full inspection there are no individual judgements or gradings, but the concerns raised were unfounded and we are still deemed to be an outstanding school. I have included the full inspection letter and it is available on our website.

There are a number of positives throughout the report however I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- This is a school that is well-led, where pupils are safe and where attitudes to learning are excellent.
- The school provides extremely well for pupils' personal development.
- The leadership of safeguarding is strong. All staff understand that keeping pupils safe is their top priority.
- Staff provide much high-quality support for pupils in school.
- Pupils behave very well in lessons. They are keen and eager to learn. They are attentive when their teacher speaks. They work equally hard independently or in groups, as their teacher directs.
- Leaders have put in place a clear and effective policy for managing behaviour that staff apply with great consistency.
- The school has a well-planned PSHE education programme that runs throughout the school, including the sixth form.
- Careers education and guidance are strong in the school.
- Leaders work hard to involve parents and carers in their children's education.

I would like to reassure you that we will not be complacent after this inspection and will continue to improve at all levels so we can offer our students the highest quality of provision we can.

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Finally, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome you have extended to me since my appointment and I remind you that if you wish to speak to me you can call my PA for an appointment or email me directly on [qriaz@hwga.org.uk](mailto:qriaz@hwga.org.uk).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Qamar Riaz', written in a cursive style.

Mr Qamar Riaz  
Headteacher