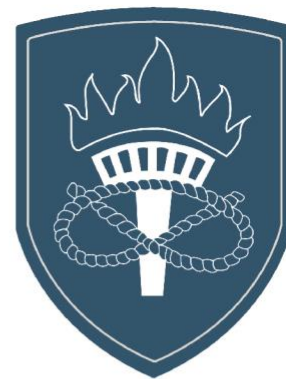


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### Barr Beacon School - Ofsted Report Publication

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I write to share with you the final Ofsted report following our recent inspection between 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022.

The Inspectors were very complimentary about the school, our staff and our pupils during the two-day inspection. I have included a selection of headline findings from the report below:

- *‘Pupils are extremely well-motivated, polite and courteous’*
- *‘Pupils take their learning seriously.... and do not give up when they find work difficult’*
- *‘Leaders have high expectations of pupils. Their expectations are well understood by the whole community and pupils consistently live up to them. This helps to create an environment which is calm, purposeful and orderly.’*
- *‘Leaders are ambitious for all pupils, including those with Special Educational Needs and / or Disabilities (SEND).’*
- *There is a broad range of extra-curricular activities. These are of the highest quality.*
- *Leaders ‘ensure that all pupils, including those with SEND take part and benefit from the school’s impressive offer’*
- *‘The school’s work to promote pupils’ personal development is of the highest quality’*
- *‘Leaders place a strong emphasis on promoting a love of reading’*

The full report celebrates the many strengths of Barr Beacon School and captures the essence of our school accurately characterising our staff who ‘go above and beyond’ to help pupils with their work. We are particularly proud of the comments from Inspectors who reported that pupils ‘take pride’ in being part of the community of Barr Beacon School. During verbal feedback, the Inspection team noted that the Beacon Values run through our pupils ‘like a stick of rock’ finding our learners to be ‘polite and welcoming’ and ‘resilient’. We feel that the Inspection Team captured the essence of what it is like to be a pupil at Barr Beacon School and observed the very best examples of behaviour from our pupils.

We are particularly delighted with four areas of the Inspection which were each graded as **outstanding**.

These include:

- **Behaviour** – Inspectors commented that our pupils ‘behave impeccably’. The team visited lessons, interviewed pupils, walked freely around the school and attended all break and lunch sittings in both venues during the inspection.
- **Personal Development** – The team noted that ‘pupils benefit from the range of opportunities’ and that the extra-curricular offer is of the ‘highest quality’. The report details the clubs that were visited and comments on the quality of the analysis of



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- attendance to the enriching provision ensuring that all pupil groups are encouraged to attend.
- **Sixth Form Provision** - as well as the high quality of teaching and learning observed for the Sixth Form, the Inspectors comment on how 'very well prepared for the next stages of their education, employment and training' learners are.
- **Leadership and Management** – are reported to have 'created a culture where pupils are Proud to Succeed' a moto we seek to instil in all of our pupils.

During the Inspection, five subjects were 'Deep Dived'; during the scrutiny of these subjects, our whole school curriculum was commended as 'ambitious' and matching the 'aspirations and interests' of our learners. Our overall judgement of **Good** is informed by the Quality of Education. We are rightly proud of the drive our departments have to enable our learners to gain a broad and balanced curriculum which provides them with a rich array of knowledge and experiences empowering them to thrive in their future places of work. Our success is further demonstrated in our most recent set of results with 85% of pupils achieving grade 4+ in English and Maths and 71% achieving grade 5+ in English and Maths. Further details can be found here for 2022 results: <https://barrbeaconschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Results-2022.pdf>

I encourage you to read the full Inspection Report which captures the many strong qualities of our school.

Please note that the Ofsted framework used for this inspection is significantly different to previous frameworks, including the one used for our last inspection in 2014. However, whilst it is not therefore possible to directly compare categories between different frameworks, we are proud of the achievements noted in this report.

All of my staff work with an unrelenting drive to achieve excellence for our pupils. We were able to pre-empt with confidence what the Inspection Team would observe during their visit. Moving forwards, my staff and I are committed to maintaining our high standards and providing the highest level of education and personal development for your children - our superb pupils.

Please follow the link to the full Inspection Report:  
<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/23/136885>

For more information on how the current Ofsted framework gradings should be read in relation to previous frameworks, we would like to draw your attention to a link from Chris Russell, Ofsted's National Director. <https://schoolsweek.co.uk/downgraded-outstanding-schools-may-have-actually-improved-says-ofsted-director/>



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The current Ofsted framework can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/education-inspection-framework/education-inspection-framework>

Yours sincerely,

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