



Whitburn Church of England Academy

An Academy with Specialist Status in Maths and Computing

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'Excellence for All'

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Ofsted Inspection

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may know, Ofsted recently inspected us under a new framework introduced by the government and I am pleased to announce that we have been rated a 'good' school with some aspects described as 'outstanding'.

Details of the inspection will be published on the Ofsted website in the coming days. You can view the report on our academy website, <https://www.whitburncofeacademy.org/about-us/ofsted-report.html>

I am extremely proud of our students and staff and while the school is no longer rated as 'outstanding', it is important to note that our students' GCSE and A Level results remain excellent.

Since becoming your new Principal in May, the senior leadership team and I have worked hard to ensure we are consistently delivering a high standard of education to our students and our most recent 2019 results are already showing improvement. Of course, we will continue to build upon these for our forthcoming 2020 cohort.

I would like to draw your attention to the following areas of the report:

- We have attained a 'good' judgement overall and within the report you can see four areas that we need to improve upon
- The inspection team were extremely impressed with how our students conducted themselves around school and the team praised their behaviour as 'impeccable'

The report states:

"Pupils are very proud to attend Whitburn Church of England Academy. They feel safe and secure. Pupils say that they have a strong sense of belonging. They enjoy excellent relationships with the staff. They also have great confidence in the Principal's leadership. They recognise he is taking steps to improve the school."

"The school's values centre on being respectful, kind, helpful and fair. Pupils understand and abide by these values. They behave impeccably and conduct themselves with great maturity across the day."

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During the inspection, the inspection team described our school as a 'secure good'. The new Ofsted framework has raised the bar significantly to be classed as 'outstanding' – many schools previously classed as 'outstanding' have similarly dropped a grade. We as a school are fully aware of what we need to do in order to increase our levels of progress and since I became Principal we have introduced several changes to address this, whilst not compromising our values.

Ofsted was complimentary about our school and is confident with the way we are taking steps to further improve our school. Whitburn Church of England Academy is a fantastic school in many respects and I am very proud to be your Principal.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J E Crowe', written in a cursive style.

J E Crowe
Principal