

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Ania Hildrey, M.Ed, B.Ed(Hons), NPQH

15 December 2021



Dear Colleagues and Families

Ref: Ofsted Inspection of Abbot's Lea School

I write to you on behalf of the school's Governing Body and the entire Leadership Team.

As you will be aware, we welcomed a team of Ofsted inspectors to Abbot's Lea School at the start of November 2021. I write to share the final report with you here for your information.

We were very proud of our students and their achievements and so, are pleased with the outcome of the inspection related to our educational provision:

- Safeguarding is **Effective**
- Quality of Education is **Good**
- Behaviour and Attitudes of our students are **Good**
- Personal Development opportunities for the students are **Good**
- Our Key Stage 5 provision is **Good**

Inspectors were unanimous in endorsing our ambitious vision, ethos and strategic direction for our school development and agreed that, despite the pandemic, we have made significant improvements to our school provision over the past few years.

The team were complimentary about our new curriculum planning and delivery, as well as our specialist support and advice for the students. This is testament to the dedication of our hardworking team and the continued professional development the school invests in each individual.

I want to congratulate all students and staff on the above achievement and thank the families for their ongoing support during one of the most challenging times in educational history.

We agree with the inspectors' judgment that the school now needs to address two areas which require improvement:

1. We need to complete the review of our accredited learning on offer which we have already started earlier this year, with the view of diversifying the qualifications on offer to KS4 and KS5 students – we will update you on the new range of courses in January 2022.
2. We need to continue to work together as a team, as identified in our School Development Plan, to ensure that all staff always feel able to support its implementation.

Due to the two points above, the overall judgment is that our school requires improvement.

Whilst this overall judgment is disappointing to us all, the areas identified for development have already been our focus and we are confident that both can be resolved positively this year.

As always, my door is open and if you have any questions at all, you are warmly welcome to contact me directly on headteacher@abbotsleaschool.co.uk.

Link to the report:

<http://www.abbotsleaschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/ALS-Ofsted-2021.pdf>

On behalf of the Governing Body and the Leadership Team

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A Hildrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A' and a stylized 'H'.

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher