

2nd March 2015

Dear Parent

Ofsted visit – Friday 6th February

As you are aware, the Academy continues to evolve and we are really proud of the progress that our students are making as we improve their experience. Recent changes to the Academy were praised by Ofsted in their full inspection in November and a bigger focus on rewards, clear structures around behaviour and improvements in the quality of teaching give us the confidence to carry on building on this success.

On 6th February, Ofsted returned to the Academy to look at the way we have responded to the inspection in November and to ensure that we are doing all we can to help make the Academy a good one. I am very proud to report that the visit was a resounding success and that the inspector felt that we are 'taking effective action to tackle the areas requiring improvement identified at the recent section 5 inspection'.

Perhaps the most impressive part of the report is the belief that, 'There is a collective ambition and energy that permeates the Academy', that 'Leaders are ambitious in what they want to introduce' and that 'Students were complimentary about the Academy and feel that there are higher expectations'.

We continue to work on the areas for improvement and are confident that TSLA is moving forward quickly. The entire report can be found on the Academy website www.tsla.org.uk or by following the link <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/135969>.

We are keen to continue making subtle changes to the way that we do things to bring out the best in our students and as a result are looking at a slight change to the way that lessons are arranged. This has come as a result of feedback from both staff and students, who feel that the split lunch is not maximising the amount of learning time available. We also feel that the afternoon sessions can sometimes feel particularly long for our students and, as a result, not always as effectively used as they could be. We intend to make some changes before the end of the year, but I will be in touch with details after Easter.

I appreciate your continued support in helping us turn The South Leeds Academy into a good academy. If you want to find out more, follow us on Twitter @T_S_L_A, keep up to date on our website or feel free to phone me on the Academy number for a tour.

Best wishes

Marc Doyle
Principal