

Regional Schools Commissioner Report – Visit of Mike Phipps to TDA on 20 October 2016

Selected extracts

“...students’ attitudes to learning are very positive.”

“Students behave well in class, they participate in lessons with enthusiasm and their relationships with teachers are warm and respectful.”

“Students’ conduct as they move around the academy is calm and orderly. They are proud of their impressive academy buildings, and there are no signs of litter, damage or graffiti.”

“Lively and engaging teaching, including some effective intervention work to support the literacy of younger students.”

“Lively learning in Year 3 classes very high quality of marking carried out by teachers in Key Stage 2....it would be very beneficial for this excellent practice to be shared with colleagues in the senior academy.”

“Students from Year 11...were confident, friendly and articulate...they would recommend the academy to others.”

“They [students] find staff and students friendly, and they appreciate the excellent facilities and the range of enrichment opportunities available to them.”

“They [students] said they learn well in the academy because lessons are well structured and interesting, and because teachers’ explanations are clear.”

“They [students] feel very well supported as they get closer to their GCSE examinations. They are clear on their target grades, their current performance and what they need to do to succeed.”

“More able students are well supported to achieve well.”

“Behaviour around the academy is good, and that bullying and racism are almost unknown.”