

14th February 2008

Dear Parents and Carers

Nunthorpe Section 5 OFSTED Inspection (RTI)

Wednesday 30th January 2008

Lead Inspector – Marianne Young HMI (Nord-Anglia Inspections)

Quality Assurance Manager – Heather Richardson HMI

I have pleasure in sending to you the final version of our recent Ofsted Inspection Report and the accompanying letter for our students from the Lead Inspector.

As Nunthorpe already performs very well at GCSE/BTEC level in Years 10 and 11, the school was granted a 'Reduced Tariff Inspection' ('RTI') – most schools are inspected for 2 days, we were inspected for 1 day.

You will see that the main findings of the inspection are covered in the report attached. The Lead Inspector provided us with considerable verbal feedback throughout the day. This feedback is summarised below for your further information – it makes a very pleasing read.

Areas of Strength

- High achievement levels at KS4 in GCSE and BTEC qualifications – standards above the national average
- Students behaviour and attitudes
- Pastoral Care, Guidance and Support – including academic tracking and monitoring across the school
- Calm, ordered school with very positive atmosphere and relationships between students and staff
- Students clearly enjoy coming to school – socialise well with each other and take on positions of responsibility with enthusiasm
- The new house system is popular
- Curriculum and Qualifications in KS3 and KS4 including Enrichment
- Strong Partnerships – e.g. with Primary partners, business partners, industrial partners etc.
- Senior leadership and governance

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Areas for Continued Improvement

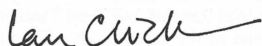
- KS3 achievement in Core Subjects – especially English
- Amount quality and consistency of both homework and marking – especially to further develop students' independence in learning
- More systematic evaluation of the impact of school improvement measures on achievement –again, particularly in KS3

The Inspection Report is also available through www.ofsted.gov.uk from the end of February/beginning of March 2008.

Ms. Clinton has asked me particularly to thank all of our students for their exemplary behaviour, conduct and attitudes during the inspection day. Your sons and daughters so clearly made a special effort to ensure that the inspectors saw them at their absolute best. They should be justifiably proud of themselves; their part in the story of our inspection success is clear!

The governors were not surprised to hear the above comments about our school, and we are obviously pleased that the inspectors have endorsed many of our views of the quality of our school. We are sure this is reflected with the great regard in which you continue to hold our school.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Ian Click
Chair of Governors

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