

15th May 2023

Dear Families

Re: Ofsted and Academisation

This half term has been incredibly busy on several fronts and whilst this isn't the focus of the letter, I do want to wish every Year 11 the best of luck in their exams which started today. They have worked incredibly hard and deserve this opportunity to get the recognition for their endeavour.

From this busy half term, we felt it important to update parents on two matters. Firstly, on Wednesday 19th April we received a monitoring inspection from Ofsted. Secondly, the Governing Body has been working tirelessly to move the school towards academisation.

Ofsted Inspection

Whilst we are unable to share the full report with our families because it is yet to be published by Ofsted, we were delighted by the outcome of the visit and the positivity in which Ofsted felt the school was progressing and had the capacity to further develop. They could clearly see a staff body and school community committed to improvement.

The draft report has been ratified and we are now just waiting for Ofsted to publish it so that it can be made public. Once this has happened, we will be sharing this report with families in a separate letter.

Academisation

Burton Borough School is moving towards academisation. The governing body of the school is committed to ensuring this process runs seamlessly, and that the interests of the school community, and community as a whole are put forward to all potential trusts. This process has been ongoing for several weeks, including meetings with the Department for Education, the Local Authority, and potential partners.

A shortlist of potential trusts has been drawn up and these trusts will be making presentations to the governing body over the next week. The governing body has been asked to express a preference which will be considered by the Department for Education, and they will then make their final decision as to who our trust partner will be.

This is an exciting period for the school as it gets both recognition from Ofsted and secures a trust which will enable it to get the support and collaboration it requires to continue to improve. We will keep you updated on both matters in due course.

Regards



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Acting Principal



John Sullivan
Chair of Governors