



14th October 2025

RE: Ofsted monitoring visit letter

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

I am writing to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted monitoring visit (an ungraded inspection), which took place on Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 September 2025. A team of five of His Majesty's Inspectors visited Haven High Academy to evaluate our progress since the inspection in July 2024. You can read the full letter from Ofsted here , [Ofsted Letter October 2025](#)

I am pleased to share that Ofsted has recognised the significant progress we have made, concluding that "Leaders have made progress to improve the school" and that the Academy is now permitted to appoint early career teachers — a clear signal of confidence in the strength and stability of our provision.

The inspectors highlighted a number of important improvements across the Academy. They noted that "attendance has improved significantly" and that "leaders monitor attendance forensically," ensuring barriers to attendance are addressed through "targeted and individualised support." They also praised our work on behaviour, stating that "behaviour has also improved significantly" and that "leaders have embedded consistent routines that support pupils to behave well and develop effective learning habits."

We were particularly pleased that inspectors recognised the culture we are building, where "relationships between staff and pupils are more positive and there are fewer disruptions to learning." They described pupils as "polite and happy" and noted that "staff are positive about the changes that have taken place... and value the support and training they have received."

At the same time, we are very mindful that Ofsted's letter makes clear that there is still important work to do. Inspectors noted that while "leaders, along with trustees, have a clear vision for improving the school further," there remain areas where "more work is necessary for the school to no longer be judged as requiring special measures."

This clarity is invaluable. It helps us focus our next steps — particularly around further strengthening our curriculum and ensuring that every pupil, including those with additional needs, receives the best possible support in every lesson. This work is already underway and will continue to be our priority in the months ahead.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your ongoing support. The progress recognised in this report reflects the commitment and hard work of our staff, our pupils, and our families together.

We remain ambitious and aware that real, lasting improvement takes time, consistency, and collaboration. With your continued support, we are confident that Haven High Academy will continue to move forward positively.

Yours sincerely,

Austin Sheppard
Executive Headteacher

