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Dear families,

Ofsted report 2025

It is with great pride I can share with you that Tewkesbury Academy is rated as 'Good' by Ofsted for its leadership, behaviour, pupil development, sixth form provision and quality of education. What a moment for our pupils, our teachers, our community and our wider town!

The report, which is attached, describes our school as 'safe' and 'ambitious for all pupils.' It notes the 'significant' and 'rapid' improvements to the school as well as our determination and capacity to continue this work.

On **student wellbeing**, the report said: "Leaders have ensured the school is safe and that pupils have trusted adults to help them with any concerns that they may have. The school is clear that bullying is not tolerated. It provides pupils with routes to report concerns so that these can be addressed."

On **curriculum**, it said: "The school has adopted and adapted the trust curriculum. This is bespoke and tailored to the needs of pupils at this school. For example, pupils learn about the rich local history of Tewkesbury. Pupils study a broad range of subjects at each key stage."

On **SEND provision**, Ofsted said: "The school accurately identifies the needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). Teachers are provided with the information they need to adapt the curriculum effectively. Where these adaptations are provided, pupils with SEND learn as well as their peers."

On **attendance**, inspectors said: "Attendance is a key priority for the school. The school closely tracks absence, identifying and addressing any barriers for individual pupils. This work is having a positive impact. Persistent absence has reduced and there are sustained increases in attendance."

And on **student outcomes**, Ofsted said: "The school is ambitious for all pupils to achieve well. Pupils are increasingly successful in achieving qualifications. They receive the help and guidance they need to choose between future education, employment and training options that are appropriate for their ambitions. This means that most pupils and sixth-form students move successfully on to their next steps."



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Additionally, the report praises Tewkesbury for its 'effective' safeguarding, the 'sense of belonging' created by personal development opportunities, and the pride instilled in pupils through representing the school in sport and the arts.

Our careers-related activities which help to raise student aspirations, the 'importance' placed on reading standards, and pupils' understanding of 'tolerance and respect' gained through lessons in British values are also noted.

We welcome and agree with the areas for improvement which focus on consistent application of our behaviour policy and more effective stakeholder communications – we look forward to consolidating and accelerating our work in these areas in the coming months.

We are very proud of our school and of our community. Tewkesbury is a great place to grow up and Tewkesbury Academy is a great place to go to school. This report reflects the work we are doing to give all our young people the very best we can and it has given us the determination to keep going. This is an important moment for our community and I'm really pleased for all my colleagues and all our pupils and families.

Yours faithfully



Kathleen McGillicuddy
Principal