



Maryhill High School

A Media Arts College



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Dear Parents/Carers

The report of the recent OFSTED inspection has now been published. I now enclose extracts from the report (you can find the full report at www.ofsted.gov.uk – search by postcode or via the link on the school's website) and the chief inspector's letter to the students, in full.

The overall judgment of the inspection team was that MARYHILL IS A GOOD SCHOOL and they back this judgment with many positive comments. The team was very thorough, with 44 teachers being observed and lots of meetings with staff, students and Governors. When I wrote to you about the inspection and urged you to complete the OFSTED questionnaire, over 300 families took the trouble to do so, returning the forms the very next day. Thank you for this tremendous and overwhelmingly positive response. If you did not get the chance to complete a questionnaire then and would still like to do so, they will be available for you on Friday 12 March, when you come in for the Review Day meeting.

What does 'good' mean? I can only quote from a letter received from a senior official of the local authority: 'I know how hard it is to get a good judgement and I am really pleased for you, your staff, pupils, governors and school community. It is so deserved as Maryhill has made such great progress in the last few years. The new (OFSTED) Framework has really raised the bar and so it is all the more rewarding to gain this judgement'.

You can imagine that as a staff we are very pleased that we are seen to be providing a good standard of education for your child. I do believe that there is a very talented and committed team of teachers and support staff at Maryhill who have worked really hard over the last few years to improve the school. However, we are not perfect and we want to improve further, 'from good to outstanding'. Thank you for your support on the journey so far, and I look forward to an even better and closer collaboration with you in the future.

As is usual, please write a note in your child's planner that you have received this newsletter.

With best wishes

Dr A Jones
Headteacher