



The Priory City Of Lincoln Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am now in a position to inform you of the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection on 8th and 9th December 2015.

I am delighted to announce we were graded as 'Good' in all five categories, including:

Outcomes of pupils and 16 to 19 study programmes;
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment;
Personal development, behaviour and welfare;
Effectiveness of leadership and management;

Together, these four assessments mean The Priory City of Lincoln Academy overall is now officially rated by Ofsted as a 'Good' Academy.

Below, I list the six key summary points identified by Ofsted as to why it graded the Academy as Good:

- Outcomes in the academy are now good. They have improved across a wide range of subjects, including for English and Mathematics. From different starting points, pupil progress is reaching national averages.
- The headteacher, alongside governors, trust members and the senior leadership team, are driving forward the improvement agenda successfully. Teaching, attendance, behaviour and outcomes are all improving.
- Recent developments around curriculum and assessment changes are well thought out and being implemented with commitment from staff at all levels in the academy.
- Teachers are promoting good learning habits among pupils and this is driving learning forward. Pupils receive clear directions on what they need to do, and homework systems are helping to consolidate learning.
- Pupils are loyal and proud of their academy. They listen to and follow teachers' instructions. Where encouraged, they develop an interest in their learning, ask questions and seek out new knowledge; attitudes to learning are positive.
- The overall effectiveness of the sixth form is good, with learners who follow some vocational subjects doing exceptionally well.

The full report, highlighting further key findings, can be found on our website - www.priorycity.co.uk - under the Parent tab.

The outcome is a true reflection of the continued hard work and dedication shown by all staff and students at the Academy as well as by you, the parents and carers.

I must also take this opportunity to thank sincerely the Academy Governing Committee and the Priory Federation of Academies Trust which have provided significant support over the last three years.

I look forward to using the areas of development highlighted in the report and your valued feedback to continue to move the Academy forward and ensure our students, your children, achieve highly academically and develop personal life skills that they can use long into their futures.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hopkinson
Headteacher