



**Claremont High School Academy is the first secondary school in Brent to :**

- 1. Achieve an Outstanding grade under the new Ofsted framework**
- 2. Achieve Outstanding in all categories for the inspection**
- 3. Achieve two consecutive Outstanding inspections**

**"To prepare our students to reach their full potential"**



## CLAREMONT HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMY



Dear Parents/Carers and Partners,

It gives me great pleasure to write to inform you that following our Ofsted inspection on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015, Claremont achieved an Outstanding grade again. ***“Claremont is an Outstanding school which has maintained consistently impressive levels of achievement over time.” Ofsted 2015.*** The Inspection team judged the school to be Outstanding in all categories which include; Leadership and Management, Behaviour and Safety of pupils, Quality of Teaching, Achievement of pupils and the Sixth Form provision.

**We are very proud to be the first secondary school in Brent to achieve an Ofsted Outstanding grading under the new framework in all categories and the first secondary school to achieve two consecutive outstanding grades.** This is a coveted designation that not only reflects the commitment and hard work of all key stakeholders but also reaffirms Claremont's position as a lead school on both a local and national scale. It comes as no surprise that 97% of our parents would recommend Claremont to other parents.

Our unwavering commitment to the well being of our students was highly commended and all students who spoke to the inspection team reported that they felt very safe in all parts of the school. Our students ***“demonstrate and affirm great pride in their school and all groups of students are remarkably positive about their learning at Claremont”***. Students appreciate the high expectations that staff have of them and also the support that is given to them as required. The inspection team rightly noted that ***“relationships between staff and students are extremely purposeful and make a marked contribution to students' high levels of achievement”***.

The team were also exceptionally complimentary about the work our staff do with our students and the positive relationships between them that foster the high expectations and confidence that lead to outstanding progress for our students.

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The team also noted that our teachers ***“routinely plan work which motivates and engages students effectively, where the work is pitched to match the needs and interests of students of all abilities”***. Alongside this, our students display their typical mature and respectful behaviour around school – a testament to the hard work and shared vision we all have for our school. ***“Students conduct themselves around the large school site with maturity and respect for others.”***  
**Ofsted 2015**

Additionally, the inspectors recognised the relentless drive, shared vision and passion that leaders at all levels share, which drives the school to make exceptional progress for all of its students. The team was notably impressed with all areas of teaching and achievement, especially in Maths - ***“mathematics teaching at Claremont is extremely accomplished”*** and English - ***“the teaching in English is consistently strong”*** for all of our students. It is the ***“excellent leadership that has ensured all groups of students achieve to a similarly high standard.”*** **Ofsted 2015**

In addition to this, the team recognised the contribution that is made from learning beyond the classroom. They spoke highly of the social, moral, spiritual and cultural development of our students where British values underpin the ethos at Claremont. A crucial element of this are the shared vision and values we have and promote at Claremont, Respect, Enjoyment, Perseverance, Excellence and Aspiration, all of which were clearly seen throughout the school by the inspection team over the course of the two days. ***“Relationships between staff and students and extremely purposeful and make a marked contribution to the students’ high levels of achievement.....Students were unanimous in their view that all staff expect them to do extremely well at school, which helps to build their confidence.”*** **Ofsted 2015**

It is an honour and privilege to lead Claremont to the school that it is today. Greatness comes with hard work, determination, time and patience. It comes also not with the achievement of perfection but through the struggles, challenges and joys of trying to achieve perfection. Whilst we, as the Claremont community, are not perfect, the inspection team was confident that we are very much near to this. But the journey does not end here. We now begin the next chapter of our journey of Outstanding and promise that we as a school will continue to have our students’ progress and well being at the core of everything we do. We will not falter from the high expectations we have of our students and that they have of us. We will continue to promote our core values on a local and national scale where our students can evolve into the well rounded individuals they are destined to be.

We would like to thank our prospective parents and local primary schools for their ongoing support and partnership work which ensures we remain the first choice of secondary school for your children. Looking ahead, we are confident that we will achieve an outstanding set of results for our students this summer and look forward to continuing our work with you all to ensure your child has a successful transition into their secondary education.

Terry Molloy



Headteacher



## SOME QUOTATIONS TAKEN FROM THE OFSTED REPORT

***“Achievement in English and Maths is consistently strong. Excellent teaching enables student to progress at a rapid rate in both subjects”***

***“Claremont has created a culture where academic success is expected from all students, regardless of ability”***

***“All groups of students make rapid progress in a wide range of subjects”***

***“The relationships between staff and students are excellent”***

***“Students conduct themselves around the large school site with maturity and respect for others”***

***“Students feel very safe in all parts of the school”***

***“Sixth Form students act as effective ambassadors for the school in the wider community”***

***“Teaching is of as high a standard as possible and continually improving”***

***“The school provides an excellent curriculum which enables all groups of students to flourish, both academically and socially”***

***“The Local Authority rightly regards the school very highly and values greatly the contribution it makes to raising standards in other local schools”***

***“The behaviour of students is outstanding”***

***“Students demonstrate and affirm great pride in their school”***

***“Claremont is a socially and diverse community where any form of discriminatory behaviour is not tolerated by the student community”***

***“Teaching is consistently outstanding”***

The full OFSTED Report can be found on our website  
[www.claremont-high.org.uk](http://www.claremont-high.org.uk)