



Ashton Community Science College

'a school to be proud of'

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we approach the end of a very busy half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in ensuring the flying start we made in September has been sustained.

You will be aware that Ofsted visited school on 2nd - 3rd October. Their report has now been published and I am very pleased to tell you that they graded our school "Good". This is an achievement we are proud of given the robust nature of the new inspection framework. The inspection report can be found on our school website and will go live on the main Ofsted website within the next 5 days.

The report found many strengths in school, too numerous to mention here, but I would like to draw your attention to the comments the inspectors made in relation to our students - your children. They noted *"Behaviour in lessons and around the college is very good..... Students consistently show respect towards one another. There is a very purposeful and calm atmosphere"*. I am sure you will share with me a sense of pride when you read these words, since they are testimony to the ethos that we promote here at Ashton and the responsiveness of the students to it.

The inspectors also identified key areas for development, which have provided us with a clear focus for our journey of school improvement. Rest assured, we intend to continue raising standards by inspiring our learners and we will pursue this improvement agenda with the relentless passion you have come to expect from us.

We break for half term on Friday 25th October and return on Monday 4th November at 8.40am, when we look forward to another busy half term. Our school Twitter account (@ashtoncsc) is now well up and running and I would encourage you to follow us as we "tweet" about the many successes of our school family, who continue to make us a school to be proud of.

Yours sincerely

Sharon Asquith
Principal

Mark Gutteridge
Chair of Governors

