

Outwood Academy City Ofsted Press Release

Outwood Academy City celebrated its second successive set of outstanding results in August 2016. The results of the Year 11 students leaving the Academy in 2015 and 2016 were significantly above the Local Authority and national averages. This is made even more remarkable by the fact that these students arrived at the Academy with academic starting points significantly below the national average. This year's Year 11 cohort achieved 68% A* to C Maths and English combined and a remarkable 11% of the cohort achieved eight or more A* to A grades.

The predecessor school was in Special Measures, where standards and expectations were very low and only 43% of its cohort achieved the gold standard five of A* to C including English and Maths. There was also a large number students who did not attend the school on a regular basis.

Ofsted acknowledge that the effectiveness of leadership and management, the quality of teaching, learning and assessment and outcomes for pupils are now good. Ofsted concluded that personal development, behaviour and welfare requires improvement because attendance remains below the national average and poor behaviours leading to exclusions, especially boys, are too high.

We continue to work very hard with our families and pupils in partnership with the Local Authority and other agencies to improve attendance. Outwood Academy City prides itself on providing a safe and caring environment where students can thrive, both personally and academically. Ofsted stated "This is an inclusive school that genuinely wants the best outcomes for its pupils. It has clear, high expectations of behaviour. Some pupils have not responded well enough to the school's expectations and sanctions".

The high expectations at the Academy will remain. We will continue to work with our most hard to reach pupils and families, exhausting all possible strategies to support these pupils to engage.

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Notes to Editors

1. Outwood Academy City is part of Outwood Grange Academies Trust (OGAT); a very high-performing multi-academy trust operating across the North of England
2. The school joined OGAT in January 2014 in Special Measures
3. In 2015, 68% of Year 11 students at Outwood Academy City achieved at least 5 A*-C including English and Maths at GCSE, an increase of 25% since joining OGAT
4. Five OGAT academies have been ranked as first out of 55 similar schools within the 2015 Department for Education Performance Tables including Outwood Academy City