

Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware, the school had a full Ofsted Inspection on the 21st and 22nd June 2022. I am delighted that I am now able to share the report with you.

The overall judgement is that we are a Good school. The report gives a judgment in five areas and OFSTED's judgements are:

Quality of Education	Good
Behaviour	Good
Personal Development	Good
Leadership	Good
Sixth Form	Good

We are obviously very pleased with this judgement that recognises the improvements that have been made at the school since the last inspection.

The inspectors spent a lot of time talking to students about their experiences at Caldew. Students said they "are proud to attend Caldew School. They feel well supported, happy and safe in this welcoming community. There are high levels of trust and respect between pupils, students and staff". It means a lot to all of the staff that our young people spoke so positively about their school.

The report highlights many strengths, including breadth and ambition in the curriculum; effective assessment; the provision for students with special educational needs; good student behaviour; students have confidence that if they report any issues they will be dealt with; Personal Development in Y7-11; careers guidance in Y7-13; extra-curricular clubs and safeguarding. As a result, students "achieve well" and "they are well prepared for their next steps in education, employment or training".

I would also like to thank the staff at the school for all of their hard work over the past few years that has resulted in this good OFSTED judgement, and their commitment to helping our young people be successful.

The report does identify two areas where we need to improve and it was encouraging that the inspection team identified the same issues that we as a school had already identified and included in our School Improvement Plan. These areas are:

- Improved support for pupils who struggle with reading in key stage 4 so that they become fluent and competent readers.
- Improvements to the Sixth Form Personal Development programme

Please be assured that we continue to be committed to improving our school and that we will not become complacent now that we have been judged as good. We know that there are areas where we can improve and we are determined to give every child who attends Caldew School the best education possible.

Thank you for all of your support over the past few years, which I personally value and which continues to inspire me and my wider team.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all of you who completed OFSTED's Parent View survey, which was extremely positive. I am looking forward to continuing working with you to secure the highest possible standards for your children and our students so that, at Caldew, we become the very best we can be.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher