

6<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

**The George Eliot School - Ofsted report, November 2017**

We write to you in advance of the official release of the report on our recent Ofsted inspection. The Midland Academies Trust acknowledges the findings of Ofsted as part of its recent inspection of The George Eliot School and is pleased that positive aspects of its provision have been recognised.

Ofsted recorded that the new Principal, appointed in April 2017, has a clear and positive vision for the School's future and is already successfully implementing plans to address pupils' progress, achievement, attendance and behaviour. The report recognises that teaching is now being planned to focus on areas where pupils are struggling, and this is leading to rapid progress in their knowledge and understanding, particularly for those pupils in Years 10 and 11. It states that teachers display a good subject knowledge and use a dynamic range of teaching methods. Ofsted acknowledges that, for younger pupils at Key Stage 3, the School has focused on ensuring that they are aware of the range of next steps and career opportunities available to them.


The report acknowledges that students feel safe and are well looked after. Safeguarding records were judged to be 'meticulous' and the School was recognised for its strong knowledge in this area. The School provides good support for pupils' mental health and well-being. Ofsted commended the School's senior leadership team for its attention to improving morale by involving staff in decision-making and providing good support. Staff are proud to be working together to focus on its rapid improvement.

Ofsted praised the implementation of a 'Raising Achievement Board' as part of the system of governance to focus specifically on pupils' progress. Early evidence indicates that members of the Board are well informed and have a good understanding of school data.

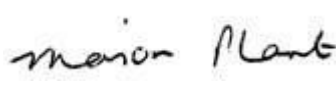
The Midland Academies Trust acknowledges the areas of improvement highlighted by the report and will work closely with the leadership team at George Eliot School over the coming months to address those issues that will enhance pupils' experience and help them to prepare for their next steps.

We remain extremely grateful for all your support. The new Parent Voice Group is one way in which we can work ever more closely in partnership with you and we look forward to continuing the improvements highlighted by Ofsted.

Yours sincerely



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