



**Bexley Grammar School**

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wrote nearly a month ago to give you brief feedback on our Ofsted experience and to thank you for your incredible support, frustrated that I could not disclose the outcome.

**I am delighted to announce formally that we renewed our outstanding judgement.** Please see the [report here](#). We were judged by the team of five inspectors (four of them His Majesty's Inspectors (HMIs)) to be **outstanding in all five categories**. This is a huge achievement which involved the whole school community. The overhaul of the inspection methodology in 2019 completely changed the focus of inspections so that the views of parents, governor, staff and, most importantly, students are given a high priority; there is no hiding behind policies and data as schools could in the past. To be judged outstanding in every category with no published areas for improvement (we have some areas to be working on from informal feedback over the two days) is a greater accolade than it was last time we were inspected and we are right to celebrate this superb outcome.

We are the only grammar school in Bexley to have been rated outstanding from a full, graded (section 5) inspection under the 2019 framework and statistics suggest that only about 40% of secondary schools previously rated outstanding retain the judgement when they have been reinspected under this framework. So once again, **thank you for supporting us to achieve this public recognition of the outstanding work we do with your wonderful children.**

I mentioned last time that the lead inspector commented on how high the percentages of positive responses in the parent and pupil surveys were compared to norms (as were the staff survey responses). Your children were amazing and inspectors repeatedly commented on their exemplary behaviour and their mature attitudes to learning. **As a community we should be proud of what we have achieved together.** In the same paragraph, however, I hasten to assure you that this Ofsted judgement does not make us complacent; we have a post-inspection action plan for some areas in which inspectors gave valuable, objective feedback which we can use to fuel our continuous improvement.

Best wishes,

Steve Elphick