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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Ofsted 2015 - Batley Grammar School 'is a good school'.**

We are delighted to enclose the official report from our recent Ofsted inspection which took place at Batley Grammar School on the 28 and 29 January 2015. A copy of this report will also be placed on the school website and it is also due to be published on the Ofsted website [www.Ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.Ofsted.gov.uk) in early March.

Batley Grammar School has undergone many changes since it became a Free School in September 2011 and we have really focused our attention upon school improvement for the benefit of our secondary students and primary pupils.

We experienced a very intense two days, during the inspection, but at the same time it was a great opportunity to demonstrate and evidence all the hard work and improvements that had taken place since the last inspection in 2013. We are very pleased that Ofsted has judged Batley Grammar School to be a **good** school, particularly as the current Ofsted framework is more challenging than ever before.

We are highly ambitious for the continued success of the school and are always looking to improve. We will be carefully considering the report's suggestions which will enable us to make the next step. We are also pleased that the inspectors commented about some of the outstanding aspects of leadership and management at all levels. The leadership of the school has the vision, determination and the capacity to secure and sustain the further improvements required to achieve an overall 'outstanding' judgement when Ofsted return in the future.

Last term the governors announced their proposals to close the sixth form provision from 2016. However, that said, they clearly understand the moral imperative to support our current students and are fully committed to them achieving their potential. Consequently, development and improvement strategies in the sixth form remain a school priority.

There have also been significant changes in the Reception class during the past year. The inspectors recognised that, under the leadership of Mrs Jackson, progress in EYFS is improving rapidly and, as a result, assessment data is expected to show a marked improvement on last year with attainment predicted to be significantly above national for 2015. This will secure the good provision in that area.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students, pupils and governors for their dedication to our school's improvement over the last three years. They have worked incredibly hard to ensure that we made those necessary improvements and reach our target of being a good school.

Your continued support is very much appreciated. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact either of us.

Yours faithfully

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Chair of Governors

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