

Ofsted News

Ofsted have published the report of their third monitoring visit. A team of four inspectors visited the school on 13th and 14th May to measure our progress against the targets that were set in the full inspection of April last year. The outcome that we have to aim for with these monitoring visits is satisfactory progress and this time they judged that we are making satisfactory progress in all areas. This is an impressive achievement only a year after the school went into special measures. In the previous visit, which was in January, we were given satisfactory progress in all areas except Standards and Achievement but this time progress in that area too was recognised. The summary of judgements made on the three monitoring visits we have had so far follows.

	October	January	May
General Progress			
Progress since being subject to special measures	Inadequate	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Progress since the previous monitoring inspection	n/a	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Progress since the last visit on the areas for improvement			
Raise students' achievement especially in mathematics and for underachieving groups, including boys, students with learning difficulties and those with English as an additional language	Inadequate	Inadequate	Satisfactory
Co-ordinate more effectively any additional support for students, especially those with learning difficulties and English as an additional language so that the curriculum meets their needs	Inadequate	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Improve the quality of teaching so that it is at least satisfactory or better	Inadequate	Satisfactory	Satisfactory
Ensure that leaders and managers rigorously analyse the effectiveness of actions taken to improve students' learning and progress	Inadequate	Satisfactory	Satisfactory

The inspectors commented very favourably on the students and the way they conducted themselves, especially when not in lessons. They also praised the condition of the new buildings and the way in which the students respect them. Very positive comments were made about the Interim Executive Board and the Local Authority's support for the school. The move to the new buildings is mentioned again for the minimal disruption that it caused to students' learning and progress and we were commended for the way the move was organised.

This visit also looked at the Sixth Form. Several aspects of this part of the school need to be improved but the inspectors were satisfied that we have plans in place to do this, including the appointment of new staff to lead the Sixth Form as explained in the previous newsletter. The students that were interviewed by the inspectors were praised for their honesty and maturity, and for the way they proudly described their school.

There is still much more to be done. This report acknowledges satisfactory progress in all areas but expects it to continue and indeed to accelerate. Now that most of the teaching is being judged as at least satisfactory we need to make more of it good, particularly by improving further the way in which teachers plan for the different needs of students in their class. We are also being asked to further improve our assessment of students' work by moderating work between teachers more often to ensure consistency, and to improve the quality and frequency of marking. The use of the morning registration period was also said to be too variable so that for some students the inspectors felt that this time is not well used. These are areas that we will be tackling during the remainder of this term.

The final paragraph of the report recognises the strong position that the school is now in and this is very pleasing to read: *"Overall, the appointment of a substantive headteacher, the more stable staffing and the more effective senior leadership, combined with the much improved data, and the greatly improved resources provided by the new building, have laid secure foundations for the school's further improvement."*

Sean Hayes

Year 8 Parents Evening is Tuesday next, 9th June, from 4.30pm

Parent Champion: In his role as Parent Champion, Father David will be available to see parents on Thursday 11th June at 3.30pm. Father David may be contacted by phoning him direct on 01733-562528 ext 5, or emailed at frdavidallsouls@hotmail.com

Work Experience

The article on the right was sent to us from Minster General Housing Association and appeared in their magazine The Minster News. The article is written by Sandra Widomska, Year 10, about her experience on work experience with Minster Housing Association. With the article a note from Cordelia, Manager, stated that "Sandra was an absolute pleasure to have – I wish all work experience pupils were like her.

Truancy Call

An important letter is being sent home this week concerning an automated system for contacting parents when their child is absent from school. Please read the letter carefully and respond to the contents. We are trialling this system throughout June with a view to purchasing it for next year.

100% Club

Congratulations to the students named below who are still in the 100% attendance club for this term. If they continue to maintain this excellent attendance record then they will enter the Prize Draw at the end of term.

My name is Sandra and I am 15 years old. I go to St John Fisher Catholic High School in Peterborough and I spent two weeks at Minster doing my work experience.

On the first day I was introduced to staff and everyone was very friendly – this gave me confidence to face the world of work!

The first week was fantastic because I was out and about; I went to visit a sheltered scheme in Northampton and also visited Alconbury and Peterborough. I also spent some time at the office where I did some filing, computer work and spoke to staff who told me all about Minster and their jobs.

During the second week I spent a day in Finance where Donna Thomson showed me how to process invoices. I spent three fun-filled (and interesting) days in Development with Katie Nicol, Rachael Jones and Karen Buckley, and Housing Officer, John Polkey, took me along with him to visit residents.

I enjoyed my time at Minster and thank everyone for having me!

Year 7

Mohammed Ali
Rabia Amir
Hassan Amjid
Saskia Anderson
Lucy Bailey
Nikisha Bhima
Luis Birbeck
Shai Brown
Lauren Buckley
Carol Carvalho
Milton Carvoeiro
Rhianna Chalmers
Usha Gharti
Tiffany Guest
Zulaikha Haider
Mohammed Haseeb
Zehra Latif
Carly Lee
Abdullah Mahmood
Raja Malak
Grzegorz Masternak
Keelan Mitchell
Dainius Pliuskus
Heather Porter
Sabrina Rodrigues
Nikita Rose
Antoni Ryczko
Chloe Steels
Fasail Tanvir
Ali Ustuner
Kelly White

Year 8

Ehsan Ahmed
Karina Akim
Nicole Atkinson
Harriet Ayling
Ruben Barbosa
Evelynne Barton
Matthew Bryan
William Cawston
Jade Corrigan
Savio De Miranda
Eljon Demaj
Ruby Eric
Ghazala Fatima
Jozef Galyas
Jessica Gilbert
Tristan Goodfellow
Kerry Guilford
Sharmin Halani
Tomas Horvath
Afsha Hussain
Hirra Hussain
Naseem Hussani
Lisamarie Jones
Amy Kemp
Tom Kemp
Katarzyna Kleczek
Michalina Klupiec
Pedro Loureiro
Marko Makula
James Martin
Jordan McCormack
Aleem Miran

Roshen Noronha
Daniel Pacan
Ayisha Saleem
Thomas Santin
Aisha Shakoor
Calton Souza
Airidas Sulga
Zubair Tariq
Mohammad-Abbas
Tejani
Nupel Ustuner

Year 9

Czar Ventura
Imran Adrees
Charlotte Aitken
Sheraz Ali
Sean Barry
Catherine Brooks
Benjamin Buttigieg
Francis Cook
Ashley Downie
Dominic Falco
Julius Glavinskas
Heena Halani
Narges Haydari
Holly Hung
Sadie Hutchings
Hira Iqbal
Albert Johnson
Siobhan Kelly
Janine Kettle
Kristijan Lero

Kirsty MacIntosh
Damien Maggs
Aqil Malik
Shaheen McGrory
Maria Miranda
Mohammed Mustafa
Hannah Nawaz
Ella O'Sullivan
Chynna Pascual
Cameron Quinn
Bruno Santos
Laura Smith
Lauren Tappenden Fyffe
Mohammad Umar
Dariusz Zorawski
Tabarik Zuljallaal

Year 10

Shaban Adrees
Farwa Ahmed
Shahida Akhtar
Mehmoona Akram
Paige Allen
Daniel Anderson
Oliver Beara
James Bryan
Jones De Sousa
Judd Delgado
Alice Donnelly
Kieran Evans
Pawel Falkowski
Amy Gilbert
Aaron Graham

David Guest
Heather Hung
Mariam Iqbal
Karolina Jaskunaite
Michael Jones
Baneen Kausar
Fiona King
Aaron Knighton
Samantha Lee
Diogo Lopes
Jordan MacIntosh
Reema Mahmood
Callum McAlinden
Sheryl Mendonca
Karl Mould
George O'Hara
Francesca Pike
Joao Pinto
Zygmantas Pukas
Mikie Rose
Catia Salgado
Chelsea Satchwell
Haider Sheikh
Luke Sheridan
Ashley Smith
Suhail Tabassum
Alexei Tarasov

Sixth Form

Danyal Ahmed
Paulina Marcfeld
Igor Trawinski
Tiago Varela