



# Kingsbury School

Science and Mathematics Specialists

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Dear Parents \ Careers,

**Dedicated** to learning  
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You will no doubt be aware that the schools inspection team (OFSTED) recently visited us to make judgements about our progress.

The team were very complimentary with regard to the progress made, our pupils and our school in general and have awarded us grades of:

- Leadership and management – Grade awarded = **Good**
- Behaviour and safety – Grade awarded = **Good**

As OFSTED standards and expectations have increased yearly since 2009, we are very happy with these grades as they indicate the significant progress we have made as a school.

The award of a Grade 2(Good) indicates that we are effective in delivering outcomes that provide well for our pupils needs and prepare pupils well for the next stage of their education, training or employment.

The team have however judged Kingsbury overall as requires improvement. This grade replaced the term satisfactory in the old inspection framework. The school has therefore not dropped a grade, however we have also not achieved the good rating we expected, despite:

- being one of the highest performing schools in North Warwickshire and Tamworth in 2013. where pupils achieved significantly better A\*-C grades than the national average.
- making rapid progress from 30% - 67% A\*-C including English and Maths in the last five years.
- being able to demonstrate than typically 78% of taught lessons are good or outstanding.

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We fully accept some of the recommendations the inspection team have made, and we have already put plans in place to improve our school and provision even further. Nevertheless, we have made a formal complaint to OFSTED as they attended over two non-typical days which meant that:

- 400 pupils were absent on the second day due to SPEC day visits.
- Only 45% of our permanent teaching staff were observed;
  - Judgements based on such a small sample are unrepresentative and paint an inaccurate picture.

It is unclear what the response of OFSTED will be, or how long they will take to take action. We have therefore posted a link to the new report on the schools website for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Cotton  
Headteacher