

Montsaye Academy continues to improve

September 2018

It has been wonderful to witness a fantastic start to the new year and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our students who have raised the expectations of themselves and how they conduct themselves around the academy. They rightly wear their uniform with pride and have been focussed and engaged in learning. Thank you to everyone for supporting the new ERA at Montsaye Academy.

It is with pleasure that we welcomed her Majesty's inspector Deborah Mosely and Ofsted Inspector Matthew Sammy on the 11th and 12th of September 2018 on a monitoring visit and I am pleased to announce that they were exceptionally pleased with the progress that Montsaye Academy is making towards the removal of special measures. There are many highlights in the report, here are a few:

"The headteacher has maintained extremely high expectations of staff and pupils. She is uncompromising in her aspiration for pupils' success in all that they do. Her clear vision is understood by all, and they are keen to achieve her ambition."

"... the product is a cohesive, collaborative leadership team which drives improvements in all aspects of the school's work."

"Leaders have, rightly, prioritised improving the quality of teaching, learning and assessment."

"The increased rigour [of staff appraisal system] has contributed to raised expectations and improved performance throughout the school."

"Pupils who have SEN and/or disabilities feel supported in school and their outcomes are improving."

"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment has improved further."

"Improvements to the quality of teaching are beginning to have a positive impact on pupils' progress."

"The Montsaye ERA (excellence, resilience, aspiration) values are now embedded and permeate through different aspects of the school."

"Pupils understand diversity and accept those who are different to themselves."

"Pupils' conduct in lessons and around school is good. They are polite and courteous."

"Pupils are proud to be members of the school. They recognise the improvements that have been made and that staff hold their interests at heart. Pupils have responded well to raised expectations of uniform, which they wear with pride. They have also responded positively to teachers' expectations of well-presented work."

When you read the report (<https://www.montsaye.northants.sch.uk/assets/Uploads/Final-Report-HMI-visit-11-12-Sep-2018.pdf>) you will note that it is overwhelmingly positive but we would not want to be complacent and recognise that there are still steps we would like to take to ensure that we secure a fantastic education for all our students. As indicated in the report you will note that attendance is a key priority and we would ask that you support the academy by ensuring that your child is in school and attending regularly.

We look forward to celebrating many more fantastic achievements at Montsaye Academy this year.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Gabbi
Principal

