

13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parent /Carer,

Following the third Ofsted monitoring visit that took place on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, I am delighted to share the outcome letter with you which recognises the continuous improvements that are occurring at Smith's Wood Academy in every aspect of school life.

This recognition is not just about the staff and the work that has taken place over the last two years but also the students, parents, families and the wider community. Student attitudes and application to their education has been a significant driver in supporting the new systems and policies that have enabled this improvement. In addition, parental support and an ever-increasing level of community confidence ensures we are all working together to achieve these outcomes. Please find link below to the full report.

<https://smithswood.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Smiths-Wood-Academy-Dec-2024.pdf>

As parents and families, I know this report will give you greater confidence and belief in the school and assurance that we will achieve the aim of having a local community school that everyone can be proud of.

Please take the time to read the report and share the successes with your wider social circle. Historically, the school has suffered from poor reputation and by sharing the positive aspects of what occurs at Smith's Wood the easier it will be to dispel those past issues and create a realistic and accurate view.

Whilst we are pleased with the letter and the direction the school is heading; I also want you to be crystal clear that there will be no letting up or complacency. Under my leadership the school will always strive to be better regardless of how well we may be doing. The first week of term has started well and the overwhelming majority of parents, families and students have embraced the new mobile phone policy, and we have already seen the impact around the site with less disruption both in and out of lessons.

I look forward to your continued support and commitment as parents, and families to help us all embed the things we are doing over the next months and years to achieve the aims of a good school that we are all proud of.

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Huntington  
Principal