

27th February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the full Section 5 Ofsted inspection that took place on 13–14 January, I hope you have had the chance to read the report shared with you yesterday. Since joining Smith's Wood Academy in 2023, I have written regularly after each monitoring visit to keep you informed about the significant improvements taking place across all aspects of school life.

The latest inspection outcome is something that we can all be proud of. It reflects not only the progress highlighted during the visit but the remarkable journey of improvement that the entire school community has contributed to. Smith's Wood Academy, its students, families, staff, and wider community have worked together with purpose and determination—and this report is recognition of that collective effort. Student attitudes, their commitment to learning, and your continued support as parents have been central to this success.

As we celebrate this achievement, it is equally important that we maintain our ambition. The progress we have made shows what is possible when we believe in our shared vision and work together to achieve it. However, this is not the end of the journey. We now need to build further on this momentum—refining our provision, expanding opportunities for students, and continuing to raise standards so that GCSE outcomes reach levels never before seen at Smith's Wood Academy.

The next stage of our journey has already begun. I encourage every parent, student, member of staff, and partner in the community to look forward with confidence and pride. Let us leave the old image of SWA firmly in the past and continue to celebrate the strong, positive identity that is now shaping our future.

Please take time to read the full Ofsted report ([Inspection Report](#) link here) and talk to your child about the part they have played in this improvement. Their maturity, hard work, and resilience have been fundamental, and they deserve to be congratulated. I also want to thank you for the trust and belief you have shown in the school throughout this journey, your commitment has made a real difference.

Last year, following a monitoring inspection, I wrote to you to reaffirm that there would be no complacency, regardless of how positive the feedback might be. That commitment remains firmly in place today. Smith's Wood Academy will always strive to be better, ensuring that every student receives the highest standard of education and the widest range of opportunities.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I look forward to continuing our work together as we build on our successes and move ever closer to becoming both a school to be proud of and the school of choice in North Solihull.

Yours Sincerely



Mr S Huntington
Principal