

4 January 2011

Dear Parents/Carers

RE: OFSTED INSPECTION 28-29 NOVEMBER 2011

Firstly on behalf of the school can I start by wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

As you will be aware the Ofsted Inspection took place a few weeks prior to the end of the Autumn Term. The procedure now is that the report will go live on the Ofsted website from Thursday 5 January 2012 for public viewing. Accompanying the report and included with this letter, is a letter received from the Lead Inspector which contains information regarding the visit.

You will note that we have managed to achieve an overall judgement of providing an outstanding standard of education. At present, only 14% of secondary schools in the country have this level, so we are extremely proud of the whole community.

May I also thank you for taking the time to return the Ofsted questionnaire, it was one of the highest returns that the Ofsted Inspectors had ever seen.

Please share these letters with your child and take time to view the report on either the Ofsted website or our own school website. This report gives clear information of Ofsted's findings. If you require a hard copy from school please contact us and we will post one to you.

It goes without saying that we will of course continue to strive forward in maintaining our standards and build towards further improvements.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

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This letter is provided for the school, parents and carers to share with their children. It describes Ofsted's main findings from the inspection of their school.



30 November 2011

Dear Students

**Inspection of Crofton Academy – Specialists In Maths and Computing:
With Visual Impairment Resource, Wakefield, WF4 1NF**

On behalf of the inspectors and myself, I would like to thank you very much for the very warm welcome you gave us when we visited your academy recently. We very much valued the discussions we had with you and seeing you at work. We were particularly impressed by your excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning. You, your parents and carers told us that Crofton is a very caring and safe place to be. You and they told us that you feel the school is well led and managed. Inspectors agree with this and believe that the school provides an outstanding standard of education.

Your headteacher works exceptionally hard and is very proud of you and the academy. We believe his leadership in particular to be outstanding. The great majority of you are making good progress and getting well above average GCSE results and other qualifications at the end of Year 11. We think your teachers teach you well. However, even in outstanding schools there is always more to be done.

We have asked your school to:

- look closely at how long teachers spend explaining to you during lessons and to reduce this to provide more time for you to work independently
- check more carefully on how well you understand things in lessons
- challenge all of you, but particularly the more able among you, to think for yourselves more frequently in lessons
- ensure that lessons include a range of activities and experiences.

You too can play your part in improving the school by working hard and talking to your teachers about your learning. We wish you all the best for the future.

Yours sincerely

Glynis Bradley-Peat
Lead inspector