



## Ofsted Monitoring Visit of Newsome High School

December 2019

### Dear Parents and Carers

Following our recent monitoring inspection on the 14th November, I am delighted to share the findings which informs you that:

- Leaders and managers are taking effective actions towards the removal of the serious weaknesses designation.
- The school's improvement action plan is fit for purpose.
- The local authority's statement of action is fit for purpose.

When our school was last inspected - exactly a year ago, it was acknowledged that the new leaders and changes were in too early stages to evidence impact and this Ofsted report is a fantastic recognition of the hard work and commitment of staff and students. In addition, it is great to see that our school values, ethos and drive for improvement are also strongly reflected in the report. Whilst this inspection was a monitoring visit, we expect a full inspection in a year's time. Everyone is working tirelessly to further improve on last year's record-breaking results and this will no doubt place us in a great position when evidencing what a wonderful school we really are and the fabulous offer that students receive during their studies here. The highlights are:

- The headteacher's vision and actions are driving improvement strongly . Plans are well conceived. Staff, governors and external partners hold the headteacher in high regard.
- Senior and subject leaders have made very effective use of the training development and advice from the partner trust.
- The pupils' improved behaviour and culture for learning provides the conditions for improved teaching and learning.
- Accurate evaluation of how well particular groups of pupils are doing has led to precise action to meet pupils' individual needs.
- Subject leaders are making improvements to the curriculum and teaching.

Ofsted also agreed with our own evaluation in the need to continue to focus on improving English, more able students and continuing to develop our middle leaders in school.

Yours sincerely

Mr Briggs  
Chair of Governors

Mr Watkin  
Headteacher