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Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff

We are delighted to inform you that Great Howarth School has retained its 'Good' judgement by Ofsted in our latest inspection (May 8th – 10th, 2024).



There has been a lot of hard work behind the scenes to maintain this 'good' judgement, and we are thrilled that the hard work of our staff has been recognised. I'm sure you will all join me in congratulating everyone who works at our school.

I wanted to draw your attention to the following feedback we received;

"Pupils feel safe and happy at Great Howarth School"

"Parents and carers speak highly of the positive difference that the school has made to their child's well-being"

"Pupils behave well. They move around school sensibly and show respect for adults and one another. Over time, the school has a marked impact on improving pupils' behaviour and conduct"

"Pupils benefit from a wide range of opportunities to enrich their learning. They visit places of worship and museums to help them to understand the wider world. Pupils enjoy artistic, musical and dramatic experiences which help to develop their talents and interests"

"The school has successfully engaged pupils with the joy of reading. Pupils benefit from a range of high-quality books. Pupils take part in daily reading sessions."



Time To Say Goodbye

This Summer we say farewell to two members of our Senior Leadership Team.

Emma Gallagher, Curriculum Lead, and Gemma Mason, SENCO, are moving on to pastures new after several years with us here at Great Howarth.

Both Emma and Gemma have made a significant contribution to the improvement of our school and they will be missed by staff and pupils alike.

We wish them both well with their adventures that lie ahead.

Good Luck! 😊



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“They talk enthusiastically about their reading. Teachers use their expert knowledge to design interesting lessons that support pupils’ learning well”

“The school uses pupils’ EHC plans well to ensure that the curriculum meets pupils’ individual needs. In addition, the school engages regularly with a range of specialists to identify and support pupils’ special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) well”

I also wanted to personally thank everyone who contributed to the Inspection, and especially to colleagues who spoke to the Lead Inspector during the process.

What this means for us now;

- Our Senior Leadership Team will be reviewing all the feedback we received over the course of the inspection in depth, and we will look to update our School Improvement Plan
- We will update staff in an upcoming staff meeting on how we will apply any feedback as part of our ongoing plan of action to improve the school
- Our next inspection will be in approximately 4 years’ time



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ENJOY THE SUMMER!

Great Howarth School Staff Team, 2023 - 2024



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Reflections on 2023 / 2024

As we reach the end of another academic year at Great Howarth School, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude. This year has been both challenging and rewarding, and I want to take this opportunity to reflect on our journey and look forward to the exciting developments awaiting us in the next academic year.

Throughout this year, our pupils have demonstrated resilience, determination, and a real capacity for growth. We have seen significant progress in their achievements, their social skills, and their emotional well-being. Our dedicated staff have worked hard throughout the year to provide tailored support, ensuring that each student can thrive in a nurturing and inclusive environment.

As we prepare for the upcoming academic year, we are excited about the new opportunities and developments that will further enhance our students' learning experiences. Here are some key initiatives we are looking forward to:

Expanded Therapy Services: We will be increasing our therapeutic services, providing additional resources for both our pupils and staff.

New Facilities: The planned renovation and proposed expansion of our school and outdoor areas will provide even more conducive environments for our students to learn and grow.

Professional Development: Ongoing training for our staff to ensure they remain at the forefront of best practices in specialist education.

I want to extend my thanks to all our parents, carers and professionals for your support and collaboration. Your involvement and commitment are crucial to our success, and we truly appreciate the trust you place in us.

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To those families who are leaving us this year, we wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Please know that you will always be a part of the Great Howarth School community, and we look forward to hearing about your continued success.

For those returning next year, we eagerly anticipate welcoming you back for another year of growth, learning, and achievement.

Together, we will continue to create a positive and enriching environment where every young person can flourish.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Warm regards,

Gavin Hosford, Headteacher



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This is the number to contact for any student absences, and of course any queries you may have.

Dates for the diary

Last Day of Summer Term

Wednesday 17th July 2024

First Day of Autumn Term 1

Friday 6th September 2024

Last Day of Autumn Half Term 1

Friday 25th October 2024

First Day of Autumn Half Term 2

Monday 4th November 2024

Last Day of Autumn Half Term 2

Friday 20th December 2024

First Day of Spring Half Term 1

Tuesday 7th January 2025



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