



The Astley Cooper School

A Specialist Visual Arts College

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To all Parents/Carers

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Ofsted Inspection of The Astley Cooper School on 8 & 9 June 2016

Following the recent inspection of our school, I am pleased to inform you that the inspection report will be published on our website today and on the Ofsted website at www.ofsted.gov.uk on 18 July.

I am delighted to tell you that Ofsted has judged us as a **Good** school. Ofsted recognises that the effectiveness of leadership and management, quality of teaching, learning and assessment, and the personal development, behaviour and welfare of students are all Good. This is the first time in the school's history that Astley Cooper has reached this benchmark – a significant moment for us all.

Ofsted say that *'The overall quality of teaching is good and improving,'* and *'relationships between staff and students are good.'* Our students behaved extremely well over the two day inspection. The inspectors commented that *'Lessons are calm and purposeful and most pupils want to do well.'*

The report points out that we are not yet an outstanding school because, despite achieving our best examination results in 2015, *'standards are not yet high enough'* and *'outcomes in the Sixth Form need to be improved.'*

We recognise our school in this report and are proud of the fact that it acknowledges the commitment of our whole school community – staff, students and governors – to make this an excellent school.

I hope that you will enjoy reading the report and thank you for your continued support and the fact that a significant number of parents gave very positive responses to Ofsted through their *ParentView*.

I will be congratulating the students in assemblies this week.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Gaynor
Headteacher



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