

29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026. We are extremely proud that the school has been judged to be meeting the expected standard across all areas, with safeguarding also confirmed as fully effective. This report recognises the significant improvements we have made together as a school community and celebrates many strengths of Moorside High School.

Inspectors were very positive about the ethos of our school and the experience of our pupils. They noted that *“pupils are proud of this school and embrace the qualities of the ‘Moorside Way’,”* that pupils *“belong to a safe and supportive school community,”* and that *“staff know pupils very well, and this supports a culture of mutual respect.”*

We are especially pleased that inspectors recognised the strong relationships at the heart of our school and the positive culture we have built together. This is reflected in their comment that *“leaders have created a culture where pupils know that staff care for them.”*

The report also highlights the improvements in teaching and outcomes, noting that *“pupils’ attainment... is improving”* and that *“teachers identify gaps in pupils’ knowledge and work to close these.”* Inspectors also found that lessons are well managed, stating that *“lessons are calm and rarely disrupted by poor behaviour.”*

We are equally proud that the wider experience of our pupils was recognised. Inspectors commented that *“pupils enjoy this wider enrichment offer and appreciate how it broadens their view of the world,”* and that *“pupils feel valued and heard.”*

The report recognises the strong leadership and commitment across the school, stating that *“leaders are determined to continue to improve the school for the pupils and community that they serve,”* and that *“staff... are proud to work at the school.”* It also highlights the positive views of families, noting that *“the majority of parents... appreciate the improvements... and are proud to be a part of the school community.”*

As a school, we are always striving to improve further. Inspectors have identified next steps, particularly around continuing to improve attendance and ensuring consistency in teaching, and we will fully embrace these priorities.

This positive report reflects the hard work and dedication of our staff, the ambition of our pupils, and the continued support of you, our families. We are incredibly proud of what we have achieved together and are excited about what comes next for Moorside High School.

If you would like to read the full report, it is available on our website [via this link](#) and will be on the Ofsted website by the end of the week.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Kind regards,



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