

WHITLEY ACADEMY OUTSTANDING AGAIN!



Whitley Academy is delighted by their latest Ofsted Report, following their Full Section 5 Ofsted Inspection on 12th / 13th December 2013, where they were judged as **“Outstanding”** in every category! This is an amazing achievement as the school has now been rated Outstanding at its last 2 Full Ofsted Inspections, even though the process has become more rigorous under the new framework (September 2013).

There was high praise for students who: *“have very positive attitudes towards their learning, behave extremely well in lessons and across the academy site, and are very proud of their academy”*. This was echoed by excellent comments reflecting high quality teaching and learning: *“Students make outstanding progress in their academic and personal development; Teachers have excellent subject knowledge and high expectations of students and develop excellent working relationships in the classroom”*.

Leadership and Management was also judged Outstanding with Governance being highly praised and described as being exceptionally effective. *“The Principal who is a National Leader of Education provides very determined leadership, providing a clear focus on continual improvement, including the sixth form. She drives school improvement, with a clearly articulated vision for the future”*.

The Inspection team were also very impressed by Whitley’s contribution to improving the performance of other schools in the West Midlands.

Mrs Allen, Principal, said: *“We are of course over the moon with our Ofsted judgement. Staff, Students, Governors and the Royal Society of Arts (RSA) are all very proud of our achievement. Whitley continues to go from strength to strength.”*

Mr Downing, Chair of governors, said: *“This latest report by Ofsted re-enforces that Whitley Academy is one of the Outstanding schools not only in our area, but nationally. The result is a tribute to hard work and determination of our fantastic staff and students. I am very proud that all my children have been at Whitley”*.

Mr Taylor, Chief Executive, RSA, said: “I am delighted that Whitley Academy, who have taken a leading role in setting up and supporting the RSA Family of Academies, have been recognised by Ofsted as outstanding across the Board, and would like to congratulate all the staff, governors, and pupils on this excellent and well deserved outcome.”