

24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

**RE: Ofsted inspection**

I am delighted to tell you that it's now official! For the first time in the history of the academy, and the history of our predecessor, Northcliffe School, **we have officially been graded a "Good" school by Ofsted!**

The inspection took place on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> October and you can read the full report <https://www.dewarenne.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/135/sites/182/2021/04/10200712-De-Warenne-Academy-Re-Published-Report.pdf>

There are so many positives in the report that it is hard to know where to begin, but some highlights for you include:

- Pupils at De Warenne Academy feel happy and safe at school
- They are respectful and kind towards one another
- Staff have high expectations of what pupils can achieve
- Staff know and value pupils as individuals
- Pupils behave well in lessons and are very focused on their learning
- They value education and recognise the opportunities it will give them in the future
- The personal development of pupils is given very high priority
- Leaders are focused and committed to continuously improving the school
- Governors and trustees are closely involved in the work of the school.

I am thrilled with the report and there are so many people who deserve recognition and thanks for the part they have played in our school improvement journey. Our fantastic pupils have shown time and time again that they can rise to meet our expectations and strive to be their very best on a daily basis. Our talented staff have worked constantly to turn around a failing school and ensure that our pupils get the very best educational offer possible, with amazing outcomes. Our committed governors, including local members of this community such as Mrs Benton, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Hughes at Rowena Academy, have generously given up their time to support and challenge us throughout this journey. Finally, this would not have been possible without the support of parents and carers. Thank you to everyone who got in touch to share their views with Ofsted; there was some fantastic feedback on the journey we have travelled.

There is also more good news as we are already oversubscribed for Year 7 in September 2022 which goes to prove that news is spreading of our success! Here's to the next chapter!

Thanks again for all your support

Kind regards

**Mrs A Rooney**  
**Associate Executive Principal**