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*'Dream... Believe... Achieve...'*  
Headteacher: Mrs Hannah Connor-James

Dear Parents and Carers

We have now received the final report from our Ofsted inspection in June, which I have great pleasure in enclosing for your information.

It has been a long wait and I am thrilled finally to be able to share with you the outcomes of the visits we had last term.

In addition to the descriptions detailed in the report, which are necessarily limited by the current Ofsted rules for length and complexity, we were delighted to receive some highly positive verbal feedback from the inspectors.

Our provision for supporting children in extending their learning through PRO Pods (referenced in the report as “learning stations”) was highly praised, with the lead inspector commenting that he would like to “package it up and take it to other schools.” Inspectors described this approach as highly effective and rapid at moving learning forward.

Science was a focus during the inspection and the success of the new curriculum and leadership in this subject contributed to the overall grading for the quality of education, alongside English and maths. Inspectors looked at other curriculum subjects and felt confident that they continue to develop to the same high standard.

The areas for further development are in line with those that our school leaders had already identified and, as part of our on-going school improvement plan, these are already being developed.

I am so pleased that our school has finally received the recognition that staff and children deserve, not only against a brand-new inspection framework, but also during a 2-year long pandemic.

I would like to thank all the parents, staff and children for their contributions and support during this incredibly difficult time.

Please see comments from the Chair of Governors and the Trust below.

Kind regards

*Hannah Connor-James*  
*Headteacher*



“Cromwell Academy has come such a long way in the last few years, and the Governors are delighted that Ofsted has recognised all the progress that has been made. We are so proud of all the children and the staff at the school, who have made this progress possible. We will not rest on our laurels, but continue to strive to make Cromwell an even better school in the coming months and years. Thank you so much for all your support in these difficult times.”

Richard Laing  
Chair of the Local Governing Board

“We are so proud of the journey that Cromwell Academy has undertaken in these last few years and at last this has been recognised officially by Ofsted. Congratulations to Hannah, her staff and pupils for an excellent and thoroughly deserved outcome. Cromwell Academy is a delightful school offering creativity and excellence in education.”

Andrew Goulding  
On behalf of ACES Academies Trust