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## Ofsted Inspection Outcome

Dear parents / carers

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March we were inspected by Ofsted. There were two inspectors on the first day and just the Lead Inspector with us on the second day. The inspection was to check that the school is still providing a good standard of education to the pupils on our roll.

The inspection team spent time meeting school leaders, conducting deep dives into the curriculum – this included meeting subject leaders, observing lessons and reviewing pupils' work, reviewing information / data about attendance, behaviour and safeguarding, and meeting pupils in groups to talk them about their experiences in school and the work we do to support their needs.

I'm happy to tell you that Ofsted have informed us that we continue to be a 'Good' school, the report is due to be published on the Ofsted website imminently, we have uploaded it to our website – it can be found in the news section with the title:

- Latest Ofsted Report – The Whitley AP Academy continues to be a good school

[The-Whitley-AP-Academy-Final-Report-May-2024.pdf \(twapa.co.uk\)](https://www.twapa.co.uk/news/the-whitley-ap-academy-final-report-may-2024.pdf)

Some of the key points noted in the report include:

- The Whitley AP Academy teaches pupils to be respectful, responsible, resilient and reflective. The school has high expectations for pupils.
- Leaders ensure that pupils experience a curriculum packed with academic, vocational and personal development learning opportunities.
- Pupils experience a well thought out curriculum. The impact of the curriculum is evident in pupils' work.
- Staff and pupils work together to learn the 4 Rs of respect, responsibility, resilience and reflection. Pupils' behaviour is well managed.
- Pupils receive frequent guidance for their next steps in education and careers.

As a commissioned service we have also had feedback from the council about the report, their *feedback is below:*

*'Having good quality alternative provision is a key part of ensuring that we have an inclusive education offer, enabling more vulnerable children and young people to fulfil their potential here in Calderdale. This Ofsted report is therefore very pleasing to read, and I would like to congratulate The Whitley AP Academy on their positive outcome.'*

Councillor Adam Wilkinson

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*The Council is pleased to see Ofsted outcome of Good for The Whitley AP Academy after their recent inspection. We want all children to have hope and aspiration for their future, so to see that “the school has high expectations for pupils” .... and skilled staff supporting pupils to get back on track, preparing them for next steps in education, training or employment helps us deliver this important priority. Congratulations to the Headteacher, pupils and all staff who have worked hard to get this result.*

Julie Jenkins - Director of Children and Young People's Services

*‘As a commissioner of The Whitley AP Academy we would like to congratulate the Academy for its recent ‘Good’ Ofsted judgement. We are delighted with much of the feedback provided in the Ofsted report. Whilst The Whitley AP Academy supports some of our most vulnerable learners, many of which struggle with emotional regulation, inspectors noted the focus on the curriculum, helping pupils to re-engage with their learning and preparing them for adult life. It is good to know that pupils both feel safe and listened to.’*

Paul Tinsley – Interim Assistant Director Education and Inclusion

If you have any questions or queries about the report, please contact the Admin. team who will direct you to the appropriate member of staff.

Yours sincerely

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