



The Polesworth School

A SPECIALIST LANGUAGE COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Carers

Please find attached a letter from OFSTED regarding our school.

Since the excellent OFSTED report in December 2007, we have been very focussed on what is next for our school and the students in it. Staff (teaching and non teaching), students, parents and governors have all played a crucial role in ensuring that since that OFSTED inspection the school has continued to grow and continued to raise standards and I thank them for it.

The three sets of examination results since OFSTED have been:

	5A*-C	5A*-C (including Maths and English)	A Level Average Points Score	A Level Average points score per exam
Summer 2008	66.1%	50.9%	831.4	196.01
Summer 2009	68.9%	59.8%	875.44	208.7
Summer 2010	76.4%	62.5%	851.25	208.5

This consistent rise in academic standards has coincided with continued high expectations of behaviour and attitude, repeated examples of individual and personal achievement – hundreds of students succeeding at sporting activities, creative activities, performances. There have also been wonderful examples of work in and out of the classroom as a result of high quality learning and teaching.

This OFSTED judgement recognises that the outstanding grade given to the school has been at least sustained and in my view built upon. I think that we all know Polesworth has remained an outstanding school, but it is always good to have OFSTED confirm it.

Kind regards

Philip Hamilton
Headteacher



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Dear Parent

The Polesworth School: Ofsted's interim assessment

I am pleased to provide some important information about The Polesworth School.

As you may know, during its last inspection in December 2007, Ofsted inspectors judged your child's school to be outstanding. The 2011 Education Bill proposes that, from January 2012, schools that were previously judged to be outstanding will not be subject to routine inspection unless concerns are raised about their performance.

To help decide whether we need to inspect an outstanding school, Her Majesty's Inspectors look at various sources of information, as listed below. This is called an 'interim assessment.'

The results of the interim assessment

In carrying out the interim assessment, we considered the following:

- pupils' academic performance
- pupils' attendance
- any inspection visits carried out by Ofsted since the last routine inspection
- qualifying complaints¹ about the school by parents or carers
- any other significant concerns brought to Ofsted's attention.

I am pleased to inform you that our interim assessment indicates performance has been sustained and that we will not be inspecting your school unless we receive further information that raises concerns. We will continue to undertake annual assessments of the school's performance.

¹ Ofsted has specific powers (under section 11A-C of the Education Act 2005, as amended) to investigate certain complaints, known as qualifying complaints.



I wish everyone involved in the school continued success in the future.

Yours sincerely

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