

Dear Parents/Carers

As you will know Devon Studio School was subject to its first regular Ofsted Inspection on 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

I am pleased that, despite being such a new school, we were judged by the inspectors to be 'good' in the key areas of Leadership and Management and Behaviour and Safety of Pupils.

The inspectors highlighted our 'deep commitment to helping students to succeed' and our 'successful focus on the social and emotional needs of students', both of which are central to the ethos of the school. Ofsted also praised the strength of our leaders and governors, specifically their capacity to make a difference to the school and its wider community. I am particularly proud that we have been recognised for helping students who had struggled to achieve at their previous schools to do much better and progress well.

As in all schools there will be areas for improvement and we welcome the inspectors' observations of these points - many of which have already been resolved and whilst we are disappointed with the overall judgement of "requires improvement", we remain committed to the welfare and education of the whole child, providing them with the personal qualities, positive attitudes and qualifications they need to begin successful adult lives.

As Principal I can assure you that the staff continue to be fully committed and passionate to deliver the very best educational outcomes and experiences for the children at Devon Studio School.

Whilst not yet judged as 'good' overall using Ofsted's criteria, it is clear from the report that in fact many aspects of the school are already 'good.'

A copy of the full inspection report will appear on the Ofsted website shortly and can be found on the school website now at [www.devonstudioschool.co.uk/ofsted](http://www.devonstudioschool.co.uk/ofsted). If you would like to discuss any aspect of the report please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Next academic year will see me, all the team members and our governing body driving the School forward and focusing on key areas of improvement as identified.

Yours Sincerely



Kate Davis Wills  
Principal

