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16<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Dear Parent/Carer

**OFSTED Inspection**

I am pleased to inform you that following our OFSTED Inspection on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 Hylands was recognised as being a 'GOOD' school. This was a result of all four areas of the inspection individually being judged to be good.

Inspectors highlighted the substantial and rapid improvement in students' achievement particularly in English and mathematics, and teaching which strongly focuses on making sure students learn, as strengths of the school.

The inspectors observed lessons from across the curriculum and the large majority of these lessons were judged to be 'good' with teachers using assessment constructively to encourage confidence and motivate students.

The inspectors found that students behaved well in lessons, are very respectful of staff and friendly and courteous to visitors, with sixth form students being held up as excellent role models for their younger peers.

I believe this OFSTED report accurately reflects where we are as a school, and highlights the students' positive attitudes and willingness to strive to be their best. It is also recognition of the incredibly talented and hardworking staff who share the vision of making Hylands School an outstanding place to learn.

I have attached a copy of the full report. This becomes available to the general public on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 and can be accessed via Hylands website or OFSTED's website direct.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to working together to secure an outstanding education and future for your child.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to be 'N. Dunn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr N Dunn  
Headteacher