



# Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As you will be aware, during the final week of the spring term Atlantic Academy Portland received an Ofsted inspection. I am pleased to share that the progress the school has been making has been recognised, and that the improvements we have been working hard to implement are beginning to have a clear and positive impact.

Ofsted will typically publish their final report within 28 working days of the inspection. Until the report has completed Ofsted's quality assurance process and is formally published, I am not permitted to share specific grades or detailed feedback. As soon as the final report is released, I will ensure it is shared with parents and carers immediately.

Under the updated framework, Ofsted has increased the rigour of its evaluations by using headline data as a key indicator of how effectively a curriculum is implemented. The rationale is to ensure that a school's 'Quality of Education' directly correlates with the measurable progress pupils make. Throughout the visit, inspectors examined the depth of our curriculum and its impact on the standards achieved by our students. Our staff have worked incredibly hard over the past year to strengthen the quality of education across the academy. It was therefore reassuring to see this work recognised during the visit.

I am always proud to be the Principal of Atlantic Academy, but during the inspection I was particularly proud of our students. Inspectors spent considerable time speaking with them in lessons and around the school, and our students represented the academy brilliantly. They were articulate, thoughtful and welcoming, demonstrating the values and aspirations we aim to develop in all of our young people. They were a real credit to themselves and to you as their parents and carers.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support of the academy and for taking the time to complete the Ofsted parent survey. I am always keen to receive constructive feedback, and it was also encouraging for staff to read the many positive comments that were shared.

I look forward to being able to share the full report with you once it is published.

Yours faithfully,

Melissa Heppell - Principal