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## Re: Ofsted Inspection Report - September 2019

Dear EUTC community

I know it feels like a lifetime ago, but you may remember that Ofsted visited EUTC three weeks ago to carry out a full section 5 inspection on the overall effectiveness of the school. I am delighted to write to you now to report that they judged EUTC to be a good school. Indeed, they concluded that **the provision at EUTC is good in every category!** The full inspection report can be viewed by [clicking here](#), on our website, or indeed on the Ofsted website and it is a good read.

Here are a few highlights:

- *“Pupils enjoy great opportunities to learn and experience work in the creative media, arts and entertainments industry.”*
- *“Students excel in specialist subjects because they like what they are doing and staff teach their subjects well.”*
- *“It is an inclusive school with a caring and supportive ethos. Staff treat pupils as individuals, find out what interests them and then go out of their way to meet their needs.”*
- *“Behaviour and attitudes are good. Pupils conduct themselves well and are polite, mature, and sensible. Pupils say school is a safe place to be and they feel free from all forms of bullying.”*
- *“The school is led well. Leaders and Governors are ambitious for, and proud of, the school’s creative ethos.”*
- *“Leaders ensure that pupils are safe in school.”*
- *“Teachers have high expectations of students.”*
- *“High achievement in specialist subjects, and good careers guidance, ensures that pupils are well prepared for university, apprenticeships, further training or the workplace.”*
- *“Leaders have made changes to raise achievement... Work in pupils’ books is well organised and shows that all of them, including disadvantaged pupils, are learning well.”*
- *“Students enjoy school, attend regularly and achieve well”*
- *“Pupils are fully engaged in their learning. Tasks enable them to build on what they already know and can do. Staff have strong subject knowledge. They develop good relations with pupils and manage behaviour well.”*
- *“Experiences gained from working in film and theatre events in and out of school help to promote pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development well. Creative projects, work experience*

*and regular opportunities to direct, produce and perform in the arts builds pupils' understanding and aids their personal development."*

- *"In the sixth form... last year all of the students gained places at university or went to work in industries linked to the school's specialisms."*

Obviously we are super proud of our school and are really pleased that Ofsted has seen the good work going on here. The real delight comes from the fact that our community has been recognised for the safe, creative, positive and inspiring place that we know it to be. This is embodied week in week out by our brilliant students who give this place their love and energy and ideas. They could not wait to impress Ofsted and ensure that their school is valued and recognised by the establishment - they have my most sincere thanks and affection. They shone.

Our staff worked their socks off. Their brave dedication to this 'all too rare' model of creative and cultural learning, which we are pioneering here is inspiring to me everyday.

Finally, in the 19 years that I have been working in education, I have never seen such immediate and passionate support from parents. 99% of parents surveyed said that their child does well at this school and 97% said that they would recommend the school to another parent. Such partnership and support is special and clearly Ofsted saw this, so thank you.

I am so enthused and 'pumped' about the next phase of the EUTC journey and I have some seriously exciting developments to share with you all in the near future, as we continue to build this fresh approach to learning and creating together.

Well done to us all and thank you all again for your faithful support.

Yours sincerely



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