



Royal Greenwich Trust School

Dr Richard Marshall – Head Teacher
Royal Greenwich Trust School, 765 Woolwich Road, London, SE7 8LJ
T: 020 8312 5480 E:info@rgtrustschool.net W:www.rgtrustschool.net

12 February 2019

Dear Parent / Carer,

We wanted to write at our earliest opportunity about Ofsted's most recent inspection of the Royal Greenwich Trust School (RGTS), which took place last month. Their report will be published shortly, and we wanted to share the findings with you, and set out the actions we are taking.

Overall, Ofsted have judged that the academy "requires improvement". Whilst we are disappointed by this outcome, it reflects the challenging few years that the academy has faced as it moved from being a UTC focused on 14 – 19 years olds, to a mainstream secondary school with a Sixth Form.

Despite this, Ofsted have highlighted both the academy's Sixth Form and pupils' personal development, welfare and behaviour as "good". Specifically, Ofsted's inspectors point to a number of positives, including:

- The quality of teaching, learning and assessment in the Sixth Form – they note that this is particularly strong in vocational subjects and in resit GCSE English and Mathematics, where students make strong progress.
- Careers advice and guidance available to sixth formers – our pupils study appropriate courses and have clear and realistic plans for their future.
- The calm and orderly school environment – pupils are respectful, courteous and behave well.
- The support that pupils receive, ensuring they feel safe and well-cared for.
- Pupils enjoy coming to school, and attendance is good.

Whilst these are all encouraging signs, we are very clear about the areas that need to improve at RGTS, and we want to reassure you that we have a comprehensive plan of action to address these.

Everyone at RGTS and UST is focused on replicating the success we have had to date with the Sixth Form in the rest of the academy. We expect to have a follow-up visit from Ofsted in due course, and with the changes we are making, we anticipate that report to note that we are taking effective action to improve the school. We will be sure to keep you updated when this monitoring inspection takes place.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Richard Marshall
Headteacher
Royal Greenwich Trust School

Professor Peter Heathcote
Chair
University Schools Trust