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# De Aston School

## Academy Trust

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Dear parents and carers

In the last month, De Aston Boarding House had a three day Ofsted inspection. I am pleased to announce that Ofsted rated the Boarding House as continuing to be GOOD. The Ofsted inspectors said that our boarding students:

- are safe and secure;
- make significant progress in their academic studies with School and Boarding working closely together to track children's educational attainment;
- make excellent progress learning English;
- enjoy a wide range of activities;
- are able to celebrate the different cultures within boarding; and
- leaders and managers are aspirational and have high standards.

The inspectors did identify some areas to improve and all of these have already been planned for or have already been addressed and resolved. Two key aspects were about making further improvements to the fabric of the Boarding House and students' bedrooms, which is all in hand and also about having an extra senior member of staff in Boarding.

We are putting an advert out for a new post of Deputy Head of Boarding ready to start as soon as possible. The inspectors asked us also to look at the provision of food for boarders and we will certainly keep on improving our service. However, it would be fair to say there has been great progress with the food since the last inspection and the quality and variety is much improved but we will keep working on it. As was said during the inspection, in every boarding house in the country, boarders always talk about food as their number one issue, it goes with being a teenager away from home I am sure.

So in summary, a really pleasing grading of GOOD overall and some areas for us to improve on, many of which have already been addressed.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Boarding

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