

5th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted inspection outcome

As you will be aware, Ofsted carried out an inspection of Salford City Academy in April. This marks the school's first inspection under Ofsted's new education inspection framework which was introduced in November 2025. The new framework assesses schools like Salford City Academy on a wider range of criteria with Ofsted reports now including more information about a school's context.

The inspectors concluded that the school meets the "expected standard" across five key criteria and was judged to display a "strong standard" in the sixth criterion – the personal development and wellbeing of students. In our experience to date, the grading of "expected standard" is equivalent to a slightly more rigorous grading of 'Good' under the previous inspection framework. As you will know, we are all ambitious for the school's future and these scores reflect the positive journey it is on and gives us confidence in its future direction of travel.

Throughout their report, the Inspectors highlight the positive experience that students enjoy at the school and that "there is a clear sense of belonging and care for pupils". It is likewise very encouraging that inspectors highlight that "relationships between staff and pupils are warm and respectful" and that "pupils know that staff care about them, which helps them to feel safe".

The recent focus on attendance and behaviour at the school is highlighted as another strength with similar praise for the school's nurture groups and focus on transition into secondary school. This prioritisation of inclusion means that "pupils who might face barriers to participation are able to fully benefit".

In terms of teaching and learning, the inspectors remarked that in lessons, "pupils demonstrate positive attitudes to their learning" and "engage well and listen attentively." The school's curriculum is praised for being "increasingly ambitious and typically well designed".

This is a strong report which accurately reflects the school's performance, strengths and its positive trajectory. Much of the praise is testament to the relationship between staff, students and families; so thank you for the continuing role you play in your child's education.

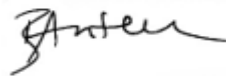
Please find attached to this letter a copy of the Inspectors' report as well as a factsheet which sets out some additional information on the new framework in case helpful to you.

We would like to thank you again for your support of Salford City Academy and may we wish you and your child a successful remainder of term.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive



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