

Parent letter: Sent Tuesday 3rd June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share the outcome of Stratton School's recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 23rd and 24th April 2025.

Following our previous 'Requires Improvement' judgement in June 2022, this new report marks an extremely proud moment for our entire community. Ofsted has now rated Stratton School as "Good" in all areas: quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management, and sixth-form provision.

I am particularly proud of what inspectors observed during their visit. Over recent years, our school has undergone significant change, including our transition from an upper school to a full secondary, welcoming new year groups and broadening our curriculum. We have worked tirelessly to raise expectations, strengthen teaching, and create a supportive, inclusive environment for all students.

The Ofsted report recognises these efforts and the significant progress we've made since its previous judgement.

I encourage you to read the full report, but here are just a few of the highlights:

- "At Stratton School, pupils can be sure that teachers are committed to ensuring they achieve the best possible outcomes."
- "Pupils display confidence in their lessons and feel like they are learning more."
- "Pupils behave very well here... They trust teachers and have good relationships with them, never being afraid to ask for help."
- "Pastoral support is strong, and pupils really value the schools 'hubs'... This makes the pupils feel confident, safe, and secure."
- "There is excellent support for pupils who have special educational needs and/or disabilities."
- The school's 'ACE' provision is a shining example of the school's inclusive ethos.
- "The school is relentless in its approach to improve the outcomes for pupils at the Stratton School. It has made improvements across all areas and is determined to continue this."
- "The 'Matt King' sixth form offers an opportunity for students to further their studies with a curriculum offer that is broad and varied."

This recognition feels particularly special as Stratton prepares to celebrate its 75th anniversary in October 2025, a perfect moment to pause and reflect on our journey so far. From our beginnings in 1950 to the vibrant, ambitious school we are today, this report is a testament to everyone who has played a part in Stratton's story.

While the report is overwhelmingly positive, inspectors noted that some of our new approaches, such as how we check students' understanding in lessons and our personal development

'pledges' programme, are still developing. We are already working to strengthen these areas so that every student can benefit fully from all that Stratton has to offer. We are confident that, with time, these improvements will have a strong and lasting impact.

As part of the Meridian Trust family since 2020, we're able to draw on the collective expertise and support of a wider network, helping us to keep raising our aspirations for every student.

Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and involvement. Stratton's success belongs to all of us; staff, students, families, our governing body, the Trust, and our entire community. I hope you share my pride in what we have achieved together and my excitement for the future.

The full report is attached with this letter and will be available on the Ofsted website later next week.

With warmest thanks,

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