

11th March, 2014



28-29 January 2014 'Walthamstow School for Girls is a good school'

Dear Parents and Carers,

OFSTED REPORT 2014

Walthamstow School for Girls is a good school and, as chair of the governors, I am very proud and pleased with the conclusions of the recent Ofsted inspection. I am also focussed and committed to meeting the challenges that Ofsted has set us to realise "outstanding" status once again. The inspectors spent two days in the school examining every aspect of our curriculum, teaching performance and management, and testing us against the far more stringent requirements that Ofsted now applies.

Ofsted has identified three areas where the school can improve to meet the exacting standards of "outstanding". These elements are explicit in the Ofsted report and will form part of our school improvement plan for the next three years, amongst other areas identified by the school itself. It is the Governing Body's role to approve this plan and then to support and challenge the school to achieve its goals.

I want to thank everyone who worked so hard to make this Ofsted inspection a success. I was in the school myself that week and I witnessed for myself the magnificent efforts everyone made from the moment we were informed that the school was to be inspected and throughout the entire two-day inspection.

During the inspection, four governors including myself were interviewed in detail by the lead inspector about our roles and responsibilities, our knowledge of WSfG and our ability to challenge and support the leadership of the school. I know that many staff and some students saw much more of the inspectors than that and I would like to record the thanks of the governors to everyone who helped to make this inspection a success.

Our school, like every school in the land, is on a journey and over the next three years, the governors, headteacher, her leadership team and all the staff in the school will continue to work hard at improving the educational experience and outcomes for your daughter(s) at Walthamstow School for Girls.

Finally I would like to thank all those parents and carers who responded to the Ofsted parent survey during the inspection. Parental support is a vital ingredient of all successful schools and the governors greatly appreciate your involvement in your children's education.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gillian Barker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G'.

Gillian Barker,
Chair of Governors.