

Ark Boulton Academy rated 'good' by Ofsted

ARK Boulton Academy has been rated "Good" in every category, from its first Section 5 Ofsted report.

It is quite an achievement to transform an academy from Special Measures to Good in just 18 months.

The dedication of students, commitment of staff, support from the community and provision provided from the governing body, has made the following grading possible:

Effectiveness of leadership and management - Good.

Quality of teaching, learning and assessment - Good.

Personal development, behaviour and welfare - Good.

Outcomes for pupils - Good.

Some of the key achievements in the report that were highlighted were in leadership and governance. It said: "The highly effective leadership of the principal and her senior team has ensured the school has improved substantially.

Governance is a strength of the school. As a result, the quality of learning, teaching and assessment has improved significantly and the school's policies are consistently applied."

On the excellent behaviour and progress of students it said: "Pupils are polite and helpful. Staff prepare pupils well for life in modern Britain. The curriculum supports pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural



Principal Herminder Channa and, right, students hold the banner that sums up the Ark Boulton ethos



development well. The focus on the Ark Boulton virtues, such as charity, honesty, courage and commitment, actively promotes the development of pupils' social skills, empathy and understanding of right and wrong."

The quality of teaching and learning was equally praised: "Teachers have high expectations of what pupils will do and achieve. Routines and procedures are well established" and "pupils currently in the school make good progress."

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STAFF PRAISE FOR INSPIRATION

■ "The open door policy and emphasis on student welfare means that positive, trusting relationships are built between staff and students. There is also a high level of support for staff and a strong sense of teamwork. Together with the caring ethos provided for students, this creates a real sense of family and belonging."

■ "We are truly a part of a wider community."

■ "Principal Herminder Channa leads the school with such confidence that she inspires all staff to be the best version of themselves."

Herminder Channa said: "I am excited about the next stage of our development and the journey we now embark upon, which is moving our academy to outstanding. It is

indeed an excellent way to mark this academic year as it comes to a close, and a timely reminder of the progress we have made as a community in supporting our mission to help our young people develop a lifelong love of learning, a sense of personal and civic pride and the confidence to not just navigate the modern world, but to shape it. The academy mission is to ensure that all of our children go on to university, pursue a career or an apprenticeship of their choice, so they are able to inspire and become role models for the younger generation and give back to their community. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our staff as educators, our students as keen learners and our parents in this great achievement as it takes a whole community to bring up a child."