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Press Release

Ofsted joy for Bristol primary school who shine in their most recent report

## *Ofsted highlighted the well-considered curriculum focused on developing pupils’ strength of character, competence, and sense of community*

A local inclusive academy in south Bristol has been praised by school inspectors Ofsted after receiving a glowing report. They remarked, ‘Pupils enjoy coming to this nurturing school’.

Oasis Academy New Oak, situated on Walsh Avenue in Bristol, has recently been inspected by Ofsted. The report shows vast improvements as it climbs from ‘requires improvement’ to ‘good’ with ’outstanding’ personal development.

Highlights from the report include:

* “Leaders offer exceptional opportunities for the personal development of pupils.”
* “The curriculum is well adapted for pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities”.
* “Leaders ensure that safeguarding of pupils is prioritised”.
* “Pupils are confident, resilient learners who show mutual respect and tolerance for one another”.

Within the report, Ofsted praised the school’s personal development, saying: “Pupils benefit from the extensive opportunities to develop within and beyond the curriculum. The school offers many rich experiences for pupils to develop their interests and talents. Pupils are highly motivated by the reward systems that the school uses. They have lots of meaningful opportunities to take responsibility in the school. Pupils are keen to use these responsibilities to make the school a safer, cleaner and better place for everyone.”

**Philip Allan, Principal at Oasis Academy New Oak**, commented on the superb report saying: “Being Principal at Oasis Academy New Oak has been the most rewarding experience I have had in teaching. I am delighted that Ofsted have graded us as ‘Good’ with ‘Outstanding’ personal development. It is testament to the team and their hard work. Through this drive and determination, they have ensured the academy is the school that our community and our young people deserve.

The last 18 months have been incredible, the rapid improvement has been driven by the staff, pupils, and parents. Our families have constantly supported us with feedback and ideas to how we can improve and when we had the inspection there was such a long line of people who wanted to share our story. I am so pleased that the team can stand up and proudly say we work in a ‘Good’ school.

I believe these are the first steps in making Oasis Academy New Oak a hub of our community; a place where everyone will achieve their own success and a place we will continue to be proud of.”

Ofsted was impressed by the quality of relationships between staff, parents, and pupils, stating that: “Leaders work hard to develop positive relationships with pupils and parents. These positive relationships mean that everyone works together to ensure children are happy and safe.”

These positive relationships can be seen through what New Oak’s parents have to say about the academy, with one saying: “Oasis Academy New Oak is a very good school. All the staff are very kind, caring and extremely helpful. My child receives the best education from New Oak.”

Another parent had this to say: “Mr Allan is doing an amazing job as Principal. He puts so much into the school and is always interacting with the children. Thank you!”

**Tom Verity, Regional Director for Southwest Primaries at Oasis Community Learning** commented saying: “This is an exceptional report which is thoroughly well deserved.  Oasis Academy New Oak has flourished under the leadership of Mr Allan and his high performing team. Central to their success has been planning ‘an ambitious curriculum’ with ‘leaders making reading their highest priority’. The Ofsted report has recognised many significant strengths at the academy and quite rightly focused on the ‘exceptional opportunities for the personal development of pupils’ with a well-deserved ‘outstanding’ grade for this area.  I know that the Academy will continue to go from strength to strength.”

Inspectors applauded the academy’s early years curriculum, particularly its approach to reading, saying: “Pupils begin learning phonics early in Reception, which quickly gets them off to a successful start. They learn to read with increasing understanding and fluency. Teachers have good subject knowledge, which means that pupils learn to read well.”

Oasis Academy New Oak has been graded ‘Good’ in the quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, leadership and management, and early years provision, and was graded ‘Outstanding’ in personal development.

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## About Oasis Academy New Oak

Oasis Academy New Oak is an Ofsted graded ‘Good’ with ‘Outstanding’ features primary school serving children from 4 – 11. An inclusive academy in Hengrove, South Bristol, dedicated to providing an exceptional education at the heart of the community.

## About Oasis Community Learning

Part of the Oasis group of charities, Oasis Community Learning multi academy trust exists to deliver ‘Exceptional Education in the Heart of the Community.’ One of the largest providers of academies in the UK, it is responsible for 52 primary and secondary schools across the country.

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