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Meole Brace Glowing Ofsted

Meole Brace School has had a glowing report from Ofsted published this July.

“This puts Meole Brace School back to where it should be, a great school at the heart of its community,” said Mr Alan Doust Headteacher. “We were determined to turn things around after the critical report last year. I am so proud of the pupils, staff and community, for this tremendous outcome.”

The report gave a clean bill of health to the school, with ‘good’ judgments across the board and a ‘good’ overall judgment.

The Senior HMI, Chris Stevens, who led the inspection, said that the improvements were “impressive” and that this had been achieved by members of the school, leaders and their trust all working together.

Sarah Godden CEO said, “It has been a pleasure to work closely with the staff and governors at Meole Brace over the last year. This is a great school, and staff and students are rightly proud members. I’ve not known a school be so determined or successful to turn things around so quickly before. It is indeed ‘impressive’, as the inspection report said.”

The inspection team highlighted some particular strengths of the school, including the school ethos and values as “a respectful and positive environment where pupils feel safe and enjoy attending school.”

The report also noted how involved students were in their school, with many now taking on significant leadership roles, for example in their 100 strong Student Parliament. The report also highlights that students can enjoy, the school’s “extensive” range of extracurricular activities, “which includes music groups, sports clubs, and more.”

Mr Doust said, “It is very important to us that every one of our students does well. We were very pleased to see this recognised by inspectors who said that our school is ambitious for all pupils, including those with special educational needs.”



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A Wonderful Year!



All of our Schools have had productive and successful years with all sorts of wonderful activities for our pupils. During the year as well as the inspection at Meole Brace we have also had great inspections at Church Stretton School and St Leonards School.

The Church Stretton inspection report is due to be published in September which we are looking forward to. The St Leonard's SIAMS inspection was celebrated earlier this term.

The community of Bridgnorth, turned out in large numbers to join the school in celebrating their latest inspection, with a whole school picnic. Many parents, grandparents and friends of the school attended for a warm and dry afternoon, where food was shared, and entertainments enjoyed by all.

The Headteacher, Mr Luke Bridges said, "As a new headteacher, just starting at St Leonards last September, it seemed a fitting way to celebrate. I wanted to say well done to everyone, but also to welcome our school community to share in the celebrations with us."

Congratulations to everyone at Meole Brace, Church Stretton and St Leonard's!

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Trust Awards 2024

We were delighted to bring back the Trust Awards this year!

Staff across the schools nominated pupils for the prizes as a first step. Headteachers then worked with school leaders to select the strongest nominations for their individual schools. The shortlisted pupils then met with their Headteacher and school Governors to discuss their nomination.

All Headteachers shared that it was lovely to meet with such remarkable young people across schools and to congratulate them on their nominations. Following these meetings, we were then able to select the final prize winners.

Pupils were selected in the following broad categories:

- Achievement across a range of subjects
- Arts and performance contribution
- Positive impact on school life
- Strength of character and resilience
- Sporting achievement and community sports
- Community and environmental work
- Supporting the rights of others
- Compassion and care for others

Pupils were awarded prizes in these eight main areas and an overall Primary Winner and Secondary Winner were selected. Congratulations to all the pupils who received a nomination, whose names are listed on the next pages. Congratulations also go to Zachary Wilson-Dooley from Castlefields Primary School and Ben Lawrence from Church Stretton School who were selected as our overall Trust winners.

A big thank you to Caterlink for contributing towards the prizes for the winners.



Screenshot of the live Awards Ceremony, sharing a PowerPoint of the school's achievements during the year.

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Our Amazing TrustEd Student Parliament 2024



Well, what a start to our Student Parliament! Set up in January, we finally got the ball rolling in March where we met up as a group and decided on the two charities Papyrus- prevention of young suicide and Birmingham Children’s Hospital. All our brilliant representatives set to work on organising fund raising events and we end the year with a grand total of £3000. Evie Pawson from Belvidere came up with the superb idea of the ‘Just Giving’ site to enable the Parliament to reach as many people as possible. The links have been a great success, and we intend to keep them running until our Student Parliament decide on their next project, so please continue to spread the word and share the links to keeping raising funds for these well deserving charities and get them as much money as possible.



Donate to Papyrus



Donate to Birmingham Children’s Hospital



On Thursday 11th July our St Leonards Student Parliament Representatives were able to proudly present a cheque of £1,500 to Birmingham Children’s Hospital’s representative Ashleigh Adams at St Leonards School.

We are extremely proud of our students and what they have achieved in just this short space of time. Also, thank you for all your support from home. See you next year!