



Lipson Co-operative Academy: Celebrating our Ofsted report



We are proud to share with you Lipson Co-operative Academy's excellent OFSTED report following the recent visit in late April, the first for Lipson since the new OFSTED framework was introduced in November 2025.

We are pleased that we were **graded 'strong' in three of the seven categories** which they examined, and **'expected' in the other four**.

This is a magnificent outcome for everyone connected with Lipson - students, staff, families, supporters and the wider community - and it currently represents the highest set of gradings awarded under the new-style OFSTED scorecard to any non-selective secondary school in the South West.

The inspectors were particularly impressed with the dedication of staff to every single pupil, recognising that the warm relationship between teachers and students is the bedrock of the progressive success of Lipson in recent years.



The reports says: *"Pupils are proud to belong to the 'Lipson Family'. They develop mutually respectful and trusting relationships with staff. Happiness, warmth and kindness permeate the corridors and classrooms. Pupils know that adults care about them."*

Understanding the Ofsted report

You will notice that Ofsted now use a different framework for reporting. There is no longer a one word judgement but instead a colour coded report card with grades in up to eight areas (including post-16 and nursery).

According to Ofsted, "the 'expected standard' is just that - it means the school or other provider is doing everything that it should be doing... It's a high standard, to make sure your children are receiving everything they need and deserve."

The 'strong standard' rating means that a school has gone one step further and marks out excellent, consistent work that's making a real difference for children and learners.

At Lipson, we scored particularly well with 'strong standard' for the areas of Inclusion, Leadership & Governance and Personal Development & Wellbeing. We also scored well for the categories of Achievement, Attendance & Behaviour, Curriculum and Training and Post-16 Provision with 'expected standard' awarded.

Want to know more about the changes to the way Ofsted report their findings?

Watch this explainer [video](#).



Highlights from the report

The report highlights a number of positive aspects of the school, including:

Staff “demonstrate an unwavering commitment to ensuring that every child is safe, happy and successful” and that they “love working” at the Academy. “Many describe Lipson as their “forever school.”

“They feel highly valued and know that leaders will always ensure that their workload is protected and manageable.”

“Pupils behave well in school. They rise to the high expectations set by leaders. They engage positively with learning in lessons. Pupils are well mannered and friendly.”

Parents and carers “are very positive about the school [and] have confidence in the leaders and wider staff to support, challenge and care for their child.”

“Alongside academic qualifications, [pupils] successfully develop life skills and leave as more confident and resilient individuals. They are well prepared for adulthood.”

Thank you

As a Trust we are hugely grateful to our staff for their commitment and unwavering support given to all the pupils, to our students for showing the world what wonderful young people they are and to families and the Lipson community for their continued support day in, day out.

Read the full report [here](#).

