



Walderslade Girls' School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Following the incidents which were reported in the press a few weeks ago, the Beyond Schools Trust was approached by the Department for Education to ask us to support Walderslade Girls' School.

Our Trust schools are based in the same geographical area as Walderslade Girls' School, and we share many of the same values. We are a collaborative Trust and believe in working together to create more opportunities for all our students.

We have a dedicated School Improvement Team; whose focus is on raising the Quality of Education across all our schools. We share best practice and support all the schools within the Trust, delivering feedback to teachers in a positive and pro-active manner. Our mission is to provide opportunities for everybody to be the best they can be, and we want all students in Medway to benefit from an excellent quality of education.

Over the last few weeks, we have spent a lot of time getting to know the school and our School Improvement Team have been into many lessons. We were fortunate enough to speak to students, as well as staff, who have provided us with information about their school experience. I must compliment the majority of students who have shown excellent standards of behaviour, while a small minority are letting their school community down.

We are working with the leadership team to develop a plan to rapidly improve some key areas of the school. The plan's delivery has already started and in summary focuses on the follow:

- Safeguarding - bringing greater rigour to systems and processes
- Quality of Education - both curriculum and teaching improvement to improve engagement and progress.
- Behaviour and attitudes, including attendance
- Leadership – clear lines of accountability and a focus on the capacity of the senior team to monitor standards.



Threaded through these key areas will also be a focus on equality, diversity, and inclusion to improve the relationships between students and a more developed nurturing approach from staff.

I want to reassure you that both myself and other Beyond staff will be working alongside Mrs Campbell and her team to raise the standards at the school and help students reach their potential. Next week, we will be sending out a survey to get more detailed feedback from you to include in our plans, which I would encourage you to complete.

I look forward to updating you with the outcome of the survey and the improvements made after the Easter break.

Yours faithfully



Mr A Minchin
CEO of Beyond Schools Trust

