

# Summerhill School

## A Specialist Language College

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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will already be aware that, as anticipated, Ofsted Inspectors came to visit Summerhill on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, 2016. I am pleased to attach the report which will also be available on the Ofsted website from 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2017. The inspection was conducted very professionally by the Ofsted team and it was nice to be able to thank the inspectors for the way in which the inspection was carried out.

As I said to you all on the parental information evenings, I wouldn't have accepted the job at Summerhill if I didn't think that there was a significant job to do. Summerhill is a lovely community, but one where there is a lot of room for improvement and the performance of the school has not been as good as it should have been. I was able to assure the lead inspector and the team, that from recent evaluation, we knew our school very well, had identified all issues that required improvement, and could already show the first signs of improvement. My aspirations are very high and the lead inspector recognised that we are well set to surge forwards beyond the aspirations of most schools.

Although, as you will read in our report, there is much to address, I can assure you that nothing we do is for Ofsted and that the report was not a surprise to either Governors, myself or the Senior Leadership Team. We had already started planning and acting to address the identified issues to very rapidly accelerate Summerhill, firstly towards its rightful place as the undoubted best school in the area, and then onwards Beyond Outstanding.

I look forwards to working with you as we move Summerhill rapidly towards being a spectacularly successful school and one which grows a wider reputation for excellence working together with its whole community.

Best wishes to you all for a Happy Christmas and a successful New Year,

Yours sincerely,

Mr James Bowkett  
Executive Headteacher