

Oak Heights School

Independent school progress monitoring inspection report

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Purpose and scope of the inspection

This inspection was carried out by Ofsted under Section 162A of the Education Act 2002, as amended by schedule 8 of the Education Act 2005.^{1,2}

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

Information about the school

Oak Heights School was established in September 2003 in the London Borough of Hounslow and operates under a board of trustees with charitable status. The school was founded with the specific aim of preparing secondary-aged students for entry to university to study degrees leading to professional work in medicine, dentistry, accountancy, banking and law. Students are selected through a rigorous examination and interview process. Their education is seen as part of a contract with parents and carers who are also interviewed. Class sizes are small. Very few students are over compulsory school age; they are taught to GCSE level only.

The school sees its aim as promoting an education that is more than academic, and one that encompasses dedicated sportsmanship and the acquisition of life skills. It aspires to produce students who will ultimately become leaders and pioneers in their chosen fields. Since the last inspection, the proprietor has additionally assumed the role and responsibilities of principal.

Context of the inspection

The school was last inspected by Ofsted in July 2009. Its action plan and the timescales proposed to address those requirements not met were evaluated as inadequate in September 2009. The first visit to monitor the progress the school had made in implementing this action plan took place in February 2010. The visit found that most, but not all, of the regulations were met. The school submitted a second action plan to address these remaining shortcomings, which was accepted in May 2010. The purpose of this second monitoring visit is to check the progress the school has made in implementing its proposed action to meet all of the regulations.

¹ www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts2002/ukpga_20020032_en_14#pt10-ch1-pb4-l1g162

² www.opsi.gov.uk/ACTS/acts2005/ukpga_20050018_en_15#sch8

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

The previous inspection found that there were shortcomings in the required training of staff in child protection procedures and insufficient adherence to safeguarding policies. At the time of the first monitoring visit, some of these shortcomings had been addressed, but the requirements were still not met because neither of the named designated persons had attended the required level of training and there remained omissions in the school's safeguarding policy.

The regulation is now met. The school's safeguarding policy, reflecting the latest requirements, has been revised and implemented. One of the two designated persons has completed the required level of training and this is sufficient to meet the regulation. However, the school is following good practice by identifying a second designated person who is due to complete the appropriate higher level training by the end of October 2010.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The school has made good progress and now meets all regulatory requirements.

School details

School status	Independent
Type of school	Secondary
Date school opened	September 2003
Age range of pupils	11–18
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number on roll (full-time pupils)	Boys: 21 Girls: 15 Total: 36
Annual fees (day pupils)	£6,000
Address of school	3 Red Lion Court Hounslow Middlesex TW3 1JS
Telephone number	0208 577 1827
Email address	enquiries@oakheights.co.uk
Principal	Mr Sukhvinder Dhillon
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