CATS College London

43–45 Bloomsbury Square & 2 Southampton Place, London, WC1A 2RA

Inspection dates	10 June 2013

Context of the inspection

- The college received a full inspection on 21–22 November 2012.

- That inspection found that the college failed to meet regulations in relation to the obtaining of employment references for some staff, the supervision of students of compulsory school age when they were off site and the information contained in the admission register.

- This current progress monitoring inspection was undertaken at the request of the DfE to evaluate the progress made by the school in the implementation of its action plan, which was accepted in January 2013. This is the first visit made to the school to follow up the college's progress.

Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan	Good progress

The November 2012 inspection found that two employment references had not been obtained for all staff, students of compulsory school age were not always well supervised at breaks and lunchtimes if they went off the site and the admission register did not contain parents' or carers' contact details, or details of students' destinations after they left the college.

In its action plan, the college said that it intended to obtain two references for all staff, have staff patrol around the vicinity of the college during breaks and lunchtimes and ensure that the admission register contains all the required detail.

During this present inspection, the off-site supervision of students was observed, discussions were held with staff and students, staff files were scrutinised and the admission register was examined. This inspection found that two references have been obtained for all staff. There is good supervision of students during breaks and lunchtimes if they are out of the school building, by staff continually patrolling the area around the college and parents and carers give formal permission for their children to go off the site. The admission register contains the required contact and destinations information.

Compliance with regulatory requirements

The college has made good progress and now meets all regulatory requirements

Inspection team

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Information about this college

CATS College is an independent international college in Bloomsbury, London. The college is registered to provide an education for young men and women aged 14 to 24 years. There are currently 251 students on roll, aged 14 to 24 years. Of these, 16 students are of compulsory school age. Almost all students are from other countries, currently 44 countries, and speak English as an additional language. About a quarter of students come from China. There are no students with a statement of special educational needs or on the special educational needs register. Most students go on to university in the United Kingdom. The college is one of three CATS colleges in England that are managed by Cambridge Education Group. It opened in September 2011 and aims to enable students to achieve beyond their expectations through consistent, high standards of learning, and pastoral and welfare support.

School details

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DfE registration number	202/6000

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Type of school	Independent School
School status	Independent boarding school
Age range of pupils	14–24 years
Gender of pupils	Mixed
Number of pupils on the school roll	251
Number of part time pupils	0
Number of boarders on roll	176
Proprietor	Cambridge Education Group Limited
Chair	Fergus Brownlee
Headteacher	Mark Love
Date of previous school inspection	21–22 November 2012
Annual fees (day pupils)	£25,950
Annual fees (boarders)	£35,625
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