WHOLE SCHOOL OVERVIEW

IMPROVEMENTS SINCE LAST OFSTED

Ofsted 2022	Area(s) of focus	Actions taken improvements	When/date	Validation
High expectations for pupils' conduct and attitude to learning are not always reinforced across the school. Some pupils do not follow instructions or participate in lessons as they should. This disrupts the learning of others. Leaders should ensure that all staff apply the school's behaviour policy consistently and fairly at all times.	Review of Behaviour Policy and systems. Introduction of new Rewards System.	 Behaviour policy has been re-written. Introduction of centralised 30 minute next day detention system to ensure clarity for students and Parents/ Carers. Clear system in place for negative points and sanctions. Clear rewards system in place to ensure that student success is celebrated. 	Feb 2023	 Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: When assessing behaviour, inspectors commented that there is a measured approach to improving and managing behaviour. During learning walks and unstructured time (break time and lunch time) inspectors observed a calm atmosphere across the school. Inspectors stated that students show respect and courtesy to staff and each other; they are also able to self-regulate. Inspectors visited a number of lessons and observed that they are purposeful and students are focussed and engaged. LLP Visit March 24: Students spoken to said that behaviour has significantly improved in the school over the past 12 months. Leaders continue to believe that behaviour has improved in the school and provided a variety of data to support this view such as a reduction in the use of SOR (on call) and a



	reduction in the days spent in internal isolation compared to this time last year. • Behaviour and behaviour for learning was positive in all lessons visited. • Low level disruption was rare in the lessons.
	 LLP Visit June 2024: No low level disruption or passivity was observed in lessons. Students were engaged and lessons with calm and purposeful. Students commented that they felt safe and supported.
	 Governors Visit November 2023: There has been a vast improvement in the provision and management of the internal suspension room. While shadowing SOR, governors observed significantly reduced incidents of SOR being requested.
	 Parent/ Carer Survey May 2024 and Parent Forum: 91% of Parents/ Carers stated that the school has high expectations of their child. At Parent Forum Parents/ Carers have stated that they believe behaviour has improved in the school.



			 Student Survey May 2024 and Student Voice: Students had reported that they feel behaviour is much improved across the school.
Personal development – review of tutor programme / assembly programme	 Introduction of explicit conflict resolution sessions Spiral curriculum to build understanding around tolerance and respect Greater emphasis on British Values throughout both programmes Standards and expectations assemblies introduced at the beginning of each term for clarity. 	Feb 2023 with further refinement from Sept 2023	 Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: The inspectors noted that prejudicial language is not accepted in the school. Inspectors stated that students show respect and courtesy to staff and each other. They are confident that the staff understand the local context and are outward looking. During learning walks and unstructured time (break time and lunch time) inspectors observed a calm atmosphere across the school. Inspectors stated that students show respect and courtesy to staff and each other; they are also able to self-regulate. Inspectors visited a number of lessons and observed that they are purposeful and students are focussed and engaged. The inspectors reported that there are high aspirations for all students and 'no ceilings' are imposed. Parent Voice Survey May 2024: Parents/ Carers agreed that school supports their child's wider



			development in Parent Voice Survey.
Redevelop rewards systems to create more opportunities to celebrate	 Student voice input for prizes Review of award numbers Introduction of Proud Friday Reward postcards for students Reward trips and activities Headteacher Awards Half termly awards assemblies and end of year prize giving. 	Feb 2023	 Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: When assessing behaviour, inspectors commented that there is a measured approach to improving and managing behaviour. During learning walks and unstructured time (break time and lunch time) inspectors observed a calm atmosphere across the school. Inspectors stated that students show. respect and courtesy to staff and each other. Inspectors visited a number of lessons and observed that they are purposeful and students are focussed and engaged. Governors Monitoring Nov 2023: Students were positive about improvements in school. They are enjoying the reward system and are able to clearly articulate what the expectations are in school and how they can earn reward points. Parent Forum May 2024: Positive feedback regarding the rewards and recognition system.



		 Student Voice March 2024: Positive feedback during the School Council meetings regarding the rewards system.
Redevelope Internal Suspension provision	 Work resources developed with curriculum leaders Re-established expectations within the 	Reduction in the number of suspensions. County data shows a decrease for the Autumn term and a further decrease in Spring Term. This contradicts the trend of local schools.
	room.	 LLP Visit March 2024: Reduction in the days spent in internal isolation compared to this time last year.
		 Governors Visit Nov 2023: There has been a vast improvement in the provision and management of this room. Students are clear on the expectations of the room – silence and engaging in work set.
Review of Prejudiced Language	 Common use of language Improve tracking system Tutor / assembly and PSHCRE programme adapted to directly address prejudicial and discriminatory language. 	 Sept 2023 Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: The inspectors noted that prejudicial language is not accepted in the school. Inspectors stated that students show respect and courtesy to staff and each other. They are confident that the staff understand the local context and are outward looking.



Introduction Behaviour Working Pa	from across Staff to sha	range of staff s the school are and ideas op strategies	Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: When assessing behaviour, inspectors commented that there is a measured approach to improving and managing behaviour. Staff Survey May 2024: Staff report that behaviour has dramatically improved over the last year.
Introduction cross-school suspension system.	0.000	ool suspension olace at two local	 Reduction in the number of suspensions. County data shows - 3% decrease for the Autumn term and further - 1% Spring Term. LLP Visit March 2024: reduction in the days spent in internal isolation compared to this time last year.
Review of Alternative Provision	 Enhanced provision a monitoring Regular vis 	or return to school alternative attendance sits and meetings aff to review	A member of the Senior Leadership has worked at one of the Alternative Provisions and therefore developed positive working relationships with this provision.



Some subjects, particularly modern foreign languages, are at an earlier stage in curriculum development. In these subjects, there is a lack of clarity about what precisely pupils are expected to know and be able to do, especially in key stage 3. Leaders should ensure that curriculum planning in all subjects considers clearly and precisely what pupils need to know and be able to do in order to access the next steps in their learning. This will help pupils learn well in all subjects.	Curriculum design	 HIAS support for MFL, History and Science CPD time for curriculum development Staff attendance at Subject Network meetings for collaborative curriculum work and sharing of best practice High quality Reading strategy being implemented 	2023-2024 Ongoing Ongoing Sept 2024	Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: Since the last inspection, there has been a sharp focus on curriculum development. Subject leaders talk knowledgably about the changes they have made. LLP March 2024: Narrative around Key Stage 3 curriculum is clear. Leaders are evaluating the ambition of the curriculum. Student Voice May 2024: Students report that they feel there are a broad range of subjects available.
	Curriculum entitlement	 Review of lesson length to allow for developing students writing stamina and deepening of learning KS3 curriculum audits SLT line management conversations CPD time for curriculum development Redesign of curriculum to include Dance 	April 2024 May 2024 Ongoing Jan 2024	Parent Voice September 2024: Parents/ Carers report that the curriculum evenings were useful at the start of the year to help them understand the curriculum. They also report that they feel students have a broad and balanced curriculum.



	Reading curriculum development	 Reading Strategy launched Testing started T&L Strategies being developed 	Jan 2024 May 2024	
Variations in how effectively the planned curriculum is implemented exist both within and between subjects. This means that pupils, especially those with SEND, do not always know and remember what they have been taught. Leaders should ensure that all staff consistently adapt the curriculum and apply the teaching methods that they have been trained to use, so that all pupils learn as well as they should.	Ensure monitoring systems are robust, diagnostic and provide timely data that is forensically followed up.	 Re-launch of Class Learning Reviews (CLRs); new criteria; training on difficult conversations provided for Middle Leaders; clear, responsive action planning processes following each round of monitoring Raising the profile of students' perspectives on their learning by using curriculum-focused student voice as part of the monitoring programme. 	Oct 2023 Jan 2024	 Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: The diagnostic monitoring process is used to track how well this is meeting pupils' needs There are robust monitoring systems which allow you to evaluate the impact of your actions effectively as well as formulate next steps. LLP March 2024: The school is now using pupil voice more readily and regularly to evaluate teaching and learning which is a shift from using pupil voice primarily to ascertain behaviour and culture. During the LLR two "book looks" were observed and leaders used effective practice to interrogate the curriculum by posing questions to students who the used their books to narrate their learning.



Collaboration between staff at all levels to ensure a common language and shared understanding of high-quality	 Collaborative identification of adaptive T&L strategies, based on improved monitoring, by senior leaders for T&L and SEND Adaptive T&L Toolkit written collaboratively by staff in cross-curricular 	May 2023 Jun 2023	 LLP March 2024: The senior leadership team works collaboratively and there is an understanding how each area of work impacts another allowing for a holistic view of school improvement. Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024:
curriculum implementation/ adaptation so that all pupils, especially those with SEND, know and remember more of what they have been taught.	teams, with best practice shared across teams during CPD time and strategies feeding back into monitoring Internal monitoring demonstrates how a better understanding of curriculum implementation / adaptation is translating into improved classroom experiences for students. The percentage of 'on track' CLRs has risen from 61% (Nov 22) to 89% (Mar 24). The percentage of 'outstanding' CLRs has risen from 21% to 36%.	Nov 22 - Mar 24	 Teachers have been provided with toolkits which detail the range of approaches they can use to meet pupils' individual needs. LLP March 2024: Visits to lessons showed that the implementation of the curriculum and teaching is increasingly consistent.



to identific clearly communithrough CPD, which school programmed focus on strategies	monitoring identify Teaching particular the school the school of the sch	geted CPD time ng & Learning to ategies are nmunicated and ce shared by a taff nonitoring of & Learning of ensure experiences are	 Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: Since the last monitoring visit a number of rapid actions have been taken by leaders. From January a focus on teaching strategies has been delivered to staff via targeted Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and followed up with monitoring by the leadership team. The school now has four whole school strategies that they expect to see in lessons: lesson objectives, progress checks, reshaping/reteaching and lesson narration. Leaders presented evidence from monitoring that showed that these strategies are being utilised by staff. LLP March 2024: There are a greater number of students involved in lessons now, and they are more active participants in their learning, as a result of improved approaches to assessment for learning and questioning.
Improve assessm systems parental at Key S	nent assessmer and reporting stage 3. • Launch of assessmer improved reparents/ C	ey Stage 3 nt resources adapted KS3 nt language and reporting to carers, including a ation of whether	 Student Voice March 2024: Student voice indicates confidence with the new assessment system. Parent Voice January 2024: Indicates new reports provide clearer identification of whether students are on track; hyperlinks allowing students to address areas for development.



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		students are 'on track' and hyperlinks to personalised resources to help students progress.		
	ND / Teaching Learning	All teaching staff and a range of stakeholders involved in the production of high-quality inclusive teaching (HQIT) strategies to support the largest areas of need in the school	June 2023	 Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: The provision for pupils with SEND is improving rapidly following the implementation of a concise action plan. Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024:
Intersupp	rventions and port	Range of interventions delivered through the inclusion department to support students with SEND and gaps in their learning to make accelerated progress and address gaps and misconceptions	July 2023	 Your three bespoke class rooms Engage, Step, Retrack, provide effective support for pupil with either social, emotional and mental health needs, broader SEND needs and behaviour needs. Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: Teachers have been provided with toolkits which detail the range of approaches they can use to meet pupil
	D and sharing d practice	Staff have received CPD around inclusive practice and sharing of good practice	Ongoing	s individual needs. The diagnostic monitoring process is used to track how well this is meeting pupils needs. Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: Pupils accessing this provision
		 Staff have access to information and strategies on student SPP's 	July 2023	are carefully triaged, support plans agreed and their progress is tracked closely. Pupils who receive these interventions access the curriculum



		•	Focus student of the week, to keep SEND strategies at the forefront of teaching practice Weekly multi departmental inclusion meetings to triage all referrals and monitor progress of students in provision.	Jan 2024 Jan 2024	either being taught parallel the content from lessons or attend mainstream classes so there is no narrowing. Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: There has been improved behaviour and increased attendance as a result of these actions.
Parents express mixed views about the school, particularly around behaviour and provision for SEND	SEND / Teaching and Learning	•	All SPP's reviewed and written in collaboration with a range of stakeholders to ensure fit for purpose with a focus on achievement	Sept 2023	Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: • Effective actions have been taken to ensure that education health and care plans are reviewed within statutory timings. Long term goals are broken
pupils. Leaders have not communicated well enough with parents. Consequently, some parents are frustrated and concerned about aspects of the school's work, including for pupils with SEND. Leaders	Supporting Parents/ Carers	•	Providing a range of coffee mornings and information events for parents, driven by their request including training from Educational Psychologists, how to apply for an EHCNA etc. SENDCOs available for meeting parents every	Sept 2023 Jan 2024	down into smaller targets that are specific to each pupil HIAS SEND Monitoring Visit November 2023: The SENCO has a clear vision for further action and development of systems and processes, including even more effective communication with Parents/ Carers and the further involvement of key professionals
must ensure that parents are properly involved, so that they understand decisions and actions leaders take.	Sharing information and working collaboratively	•	All meetings are recorded on an information sheet which details what provision will be given with a review date which is then shared with Parents/ Carers.	Jan 2024	involvement of key professionals. Momentum is good and targeted. Leaders are not complacent and know there is more to do. They are tackling the Ofsted areas for improvement and the recommendations from the previous note of visit with knowledge, energy, and enthusiasm. The action taken and



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	All students with an EHCP have a 'key adult' in the inclusion department whom is the families first port of call and will support with all queries	Jan 2024	the way initiatives have been set up, implemented, and supported have established a more inclusive culture and raised staff and parent carer confidence.
		July 2023	LLP March 2024:
	students are involved in	July 2020	 Students spoken to who have accessed
	setting targets annually for		provision in the inclusion rooms are
	the EHCP annual review		vociferous in their praise for the
	and progress reviews are		provision and for those staff who
	provided		support them, as they are for leaders
		Jan 2024	who have thought creatively and
	parents / carers following		designed and driven this change to the
	completion of support which		way they are supported.
	informs future practice		may and supported.
	•	Ongoing	LLP March 2024:
	strengthen relationships		A major recent focus has been on
	with parents / carers		securing meaningful and impactful
		Sept 2023	communication with parents and
	rooms, Engage, Step and		carers, with the school wanting to
	Retrack to support a range		ensure that parents and carers are
	of needs		aware of the work being done with their
	Students who spend	Sept 2023	children on a very regular basis. There
	extended time in provision		is a record of communication form
	receive daily updates		which is completed every time there is
	EHCP long term targets are		a conversation with a parent/carer, and
	broken down into smaller		these show that the school places great
	SMART targets and shared		value on creating these
	with students, teaching staff		crucial partnerships with home. The
	and parents		school says that coffee mornings for
	SEND link governor who		Parents/ Carers of SEND students
	provides additional		have been very impactful.
	challenge and support		



Supporting students	Individual student action plans for students in provision shared with parents carers and other stakeholders.	LLP March 2024: • Alongside this, the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCo) and his team are working to improve the quality of student voice for SEND students, so that this leads to a greater sense of agency and self advocacy on the part of students. Parent Survey May 2024: • Suggests that Parents/ Carers feel that there has been a significant improvement in the quality of provision for children with SEND.
General communication and Parent/ Ca Engagement	 Currently working towards the Leading Parent Partnership Award. Regular communications to Parents/ Carers through the Weekly Message and newsletters. Clear communication section on the website. Nudge questions on the Weekly Message to increase engagement. Text messages sent home to make the Weekly Message more accessible. Regular surveys of all stakeholders. Surveys regularly sent home, but 	Oct 2024 Oct 2024 Throughout 2023-2024 March 2024 Ongoing Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: The school is outward looking since the last inspection and have sought to build links with the community' – February 2024 Ofsted Monitoring Visit. Parent Survey May 2024: Sam felt that the school lets them know how their child is doing. 'I feel communication has improved', 'communication with parents has improved significantly', 'coffee mornings help parents feel less lost'. Parent Forum Feedback: Parents/ Carers feel that they are kept up to date on the life of the school and have the opportunity to provide feedback.



 also questionnaires for events/ reception. Parent Forum, Every month Parents/ Carers have the opportunity to stay up-to- 	Started last academic year – Every	 Parent Forum Feedback: This groups has been described by Parents Carers as 'invaluable'.
date with what is happening across the school. School tours for existing parents.PTA. Launched and two	Since	 LLP Visit in June 2024: Praised the work we have been doing in the community. Local community members praised the students and the
meetings have taken place to decide on events. Also working with NAJS.	November 2023	'significant improvements' which have been made over the last 18 months.
 Articles in the Press to promote the school. Related to the Quarry and working with local 	Ongoing	
 community groups. Achieving Excellence Evenings. Developed and refined to meet the needs of all students and increase engagement. 	Ongoing since January 2023	 Attendance has increased and Parents/ Carers have rated these events as 4.8/5.
Use of Facebook and Social Media. Up-to-date and used to celebrate success.	Ongoing	



Most pupils enjoy
learning at this school.
They say that staff are
helpful and supportive.
However, their
experiences depend
on which classes they
are in. In some classes
pupils, including those
with special
educational needs
and/or disabilities
(SEND), do not always
get enough help to
learn as well as
others.

Working collaboratively and sharing good practice

- All students with SEND
 have an up to date student
 progress profile (SPP) and
 a record of all interventions
 available to staff on Class
 Charts. There is a clear
 SEND identification system
 for SEND K students. In
 addition, all students with
 an EHCP have annual
 targets which can be
 viewed by all staff on Class
 Charts
- Focus student profiles shared weekly with staff
- Robust referrals system to support with early identification, screener programmes used
- CPD for teachers on HQIT strategies and how to apply them to support students in lessons.

Sept 2023

HIAS SEND Monitoring Visit November 2023:

 Leaders have established an appropriate triage and referral process. Provision leads say the purpose of each provision is defined and there is good support and team work from the SENCo and other staff across the school. They emphasise that each provision is understood by pupils to be a safe space and this is reinforced by all and that offering stability, the opportunity to make progress and return to learning alongside peers are goals for all. The SENCo and leads of provisions are using weekly team meetings to troubleshoot and make adjustments and there is already very positive feedback from Parents/ Carers about the impact of provision on their children.

Jan 2024 Sept 2023

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LLP March 2024:

Staff working within the pastoral team say there is now a much greater link between their work and that of the SEN staff – they have welcomed the introduction of an inclusion department which combines their work and say it is having a strong impact on students. The school has a number of vulnerable young people with complex needs and there used to be limited capacity to



support them. Now there is a specific, three tier provision for those young people and the support they receive for their anxiety, behaviour and academic needs has led to an improvement in attendance and engagement of disadvantaged and SEND students and a significant drop in internal truancy.
 LLP March 2024: CPD in adaptive teaching is supporting improvements to classroom provision for these individuals. Student profiles are much slicker and clearer now so this supports teachers to plan increasingly effectively.
LLP March 2024: • There is an inclusion meeting each Friday, where inclusion room staff talk through every student who accesses the provision and how they are progressing, and what steps need to be taken next. Each student has an action plan and these are shared with all staff – consequently the number of students returning to a more fulltime curriculum quickly is increasing rapidly.
 LLP March 2024: The school is now able to clearly show evidence of the impact of each of their interventions, for example in



				improvements to reading ages, better attendance and reductions in suspensions'
Leaders have a good understanding of the needs of pupils with SEND, including those who need additional support to catch up with their reading. These pupils receive targeted support from specialist staff. However, pupils with SEND are not always well supported to learn	CPD, sharing good practice and celebrating achievements.	 SPP's for all students linked to HQIT strategies to support a range of needs All staff have an inclusion folder to store CPD and updates AQA UAS accreditations to support students with an EHCP to achieve and engage with missed learning 	July 2023 Sept 2023 Sept 2023	Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: A new senior special educational needs and disabilities coordinator (SENDCo) has also been appointed during this time. Since the previous inspection, you have reviewed the provision for pupils with SEND. You are committed to ensuring there is an inclusive culture through the school and this is being embedded effectively. HIAS SEND Monitoring Visit November
the ambitious curriculum. Some teachers do not successfully adapt their teaching to meet the needs of pupils with SEND.				The new SENCO is tackling the SEND agenda robustly and momentum is good. He has the full support of senior leaders; the assistant SENCO and support team, and the learning support department is establishing a higher and more positive profile in the school. This is because the SENCO has the professional knowledge, skills, and experience necessary to not only lead



development but also to communicate effectively with and support colleagues and Parents/ Carers. Ofsted Monitoring Visit February 2024: • Staff who work within the provision say communication is better between staff regarding the most complex students and a clear referral process ensures that only those students who really need the support are able to access the provision. Consequently, there is a clear understanding from teachers that they are responsible for catering for
their own students as far as possible, through high quality teaching, and that the inclusion rooms are not there as a holding base for when they cannot cope with certain students.

