

## Context Information - Academy

The Grove Academy became an academy in September 2013 and is continuing its excellent work as an AP Pupil Referral Unit providing for the needs of vulnerable and disengaged students from the wider Harrogate area. Through the local Behaviour Collaborative we take referrals from ten local schools, providing short term placements for those students at risk of permanent exclusion; educating those students who have been permanently excluded and managing their transition to a new school and providing statutory education for those students unable to attend school for medical reasons. The vast majority of students reintegrate back into their mainstream school, or move on to a new mainstream or special school.

At The Grove Academy we believe that every student should be given a chance to succeed academically as well as socially and emotionally. When students enter the academy, their attainment is almost always below the expected levels for their age. This is because many have missed schooling due to their behavioural, emotional or social difficulties. However, academy assessment data and examination results show that students make outstanding progress, including in English and mathematics, during their time in the academy.

This was recognised by OfSTED during our most recent inspection in June 2015, which judged the academy to be soundly outstanding.

*“Since converting to an academy, the academy’s performance has gone from strength to strength.”*

*“The academy prepares students exceptionally well for their futures through their rapid improvements in their achievements, behaviour and attendance.”*

I am extremely proud to work with such a committed and talented team of students and staff, who work tirelessly to make The Grove Academy the highly successful and continually improving school that it is today.