

5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Ofsted inspection outcome**

We hope your child is enjoying an excellent start to the Summer Term.

As many of you will be aware, Ofsted carried out an inspection of Ernest Bevin Academy in March. This marks the school's first inspection since joining United Learning in 2023, and the first under Ofsted's new education inspection framework which was introduced in November 2025. The new framework assesses schools like Ernest Bevin Academy on a wider range of criteria with Ofsted reports now including more information about a school's context.

We are pleased to let you know that Ernest Bevin was judged to have met the 'expected standard' across all seven criteria, reflecting the successful and ongoing journey of improvement that the school is on. In our experience to date, this grading is equivalent to a slightly more rigorous grading of 'Good' under the previous inspection framework.

Throughout their report, the Inspectors highlight the positive changes that have been made at the school in recent years "in the best interests of pupils" and leaders' commitment to driving forward improvements. Expectations have been raised across multiple areas of school life including when it comes to behaviour and student achievement, with leaders rightly sharing an "ambitious vision for the school". Importantly, students feel "safe and well cared for" at Ernest Bevin.

The success of the changes that have been implemented to date are testament to the hard work and determination of all staff, as well as the support provided by students and families. Thank you for all that you have done to support the school and your child's learning. This is a positive result and shows that the school is moving in exactly the right direction. We are confident that, with your ongoing support, it will continue to do so.

In the classroom, the Inspectors comment that students benefit from a "broad curriculum" which is "well structured", enabling them to develop the knowledge and skills they need across the subjects they are studying. As a result, students are said to be "well prepared for their next steps". It is also pleasing that Inspectors praise the school's extra-curricular offering and "suitably comprehensive" careers programme which ensures students receive tailored support as they prepare to take their next steps beyond school.

In the Sixth Form specifically, the Inspectors note that students “achieve well” and “enjoy the opportunities they have to enrich their learning”, including through work experience placements and leadership roles within the school. Impressively, the Inspectors comment that Sixth Form “students are role models for younger pupils” which undoubtedly supports the “sense of unity and belonging” present at the school.

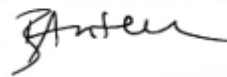
Please find attached to this letter a copy of the Inspectors’ report as well as a factsheet which sets out some additional information on the new framework in case helpful to you.

We would like to thank you again for your support of Ernest Bevin and may we wish your child an excellent remainder of term ahead.

Yours sincerely



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