

Ofsted inspection of Kings London

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This statement is in response to the Ofsted inspection of Kings London which took place in November 2022.

While accepting the report in full, the school, Governors and Board are extremely disappointed with its findings, particularly because all previous inspections of the school over the past 10 years have been rated as Good. Indeed, the school has previously achieved an Outstanding rating for provision of student welfare and support services. Moreover, recent Ofsted inspections at all four Kings Colleges have all rated each school as Good, including the latest inspection of Kings Brighton in October 2022. (<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50202036>)

We are confident, therefore, that the most recent inspection report at Kings London is very much an anomaly in terms of the standards consistently achieved by Kings Colleges. However, we do of course fully accept all concerns raised by the Inspectors.

Immediately following the inspection, we strengthened leadership within the school by bringing in a highly experienced interim Principal. We have now appointed a new permanent Principal, with the postholder bringing to his role a strong student-centred ethos and a wealth of experience across both academic and EFL provision. We are also in the process of appointing a new Designated Safeguarding Lead and SENCo.

This new leadership within the school is also actively supported in delivery of the Action Plan by other specialists within the Kings Colleges group, including the Group Safeguarding Lead, Governors and the Board.

The school is now therefore fully prepared for a new interim inspection, which we welcome as soon as possible.

Board of Directors
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