



# Sheldon School

BE KIND | BE BRAVE | BE THE BEST YOU

Hardenhuish Lane,  
Chippenham  
Wiltshire,  
SN14 6HJ  
admin@sheldonschool.co.uk  
www.sheldonschool.co.uk  
01249 766020

11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

OFSTED Inspection at Sheldon School

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

I am writing to inform you that the school will be inspected by Ofsted this week. Ofsted came for an ungraded inspection in December 2022 and gave the school some areas to work upon. Since my arrival in September 2023, we have been working hard on improving the school and addressing the points they have raised. These were:

- Supporting students with SEN to ensure that their needs are being met in the classroom
- Teachers not always checking students understanding regularly and therefore some pupils have gaps in their knowledge
- Students don't always get the opportunity to practise what they have learned previously
- Some students do not behave well enough, and staff do not always stop behaviour promptly and sometimes this prevents learning

When they left, Ofsted said they would be back within 12-18 months, so this inspection was expected. This inspection will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The inspectors will be in school and will speak to students, staff and will visit lessons. They will also ask parents for their opinion on the school and how it is run. This plays a major part in the inspection, so it is vital that as many parents as possible complete the questionnaire which can be found in the official notification letter to parents below or [here](#). A link to the school inspection guide for parents can also be found below:

Letter to Parents Mar 24: <https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/2023-2024/2024/Letter-to-parents-MAR-24.pdf>

School inspection guide for parents: <https://www.sheldonschool.co.uk/assets/Documents/Letters/2023-2024/2024/School-inspections-a-guide-for-parents.pdf>

Students will be told in tutor time about the inspection and the important part that they will play in it. The school will write to parents roughly a month after the inspection to let them know the outcome of it. Thank you for your support!

Your faithfully,

Pete Lynch  
Headteacher