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UNITY CITY ACADEMY REMOVED FROM SPECIAL MEASURES

A team of inspectors from the Office For Standards In Education (OFSTED) has decided that the standard of teaching and learning has improved so significantly at Unity City Academy in Ormesby Road, Middlesbrough that it no longer needs to be subject to Special Measures.

Principal at Unity City Academy, Mr Dore, said: "The inspection team, examined all aspects of the teaching and learning at Unity City Academy, as well as other aspects of school life, during an intensive, in depth examination in May and concluded that:

"the school no longer requires special measures"

Mr Dore believes "this is fantastic news and reflects the hard work and commitment of staff, governors, students and parents to make the teaching and learning experience here one that is relevant and effective.

"The inspectors reported that standards were improving steadily with the majority of students making at least reasonable progress.

"What is particularly pleasing is that in three of the inspection areas the academy is now in the "good" category rather than simply in the "satisfactory" category.

"Our aim now is to build on this success and transform the satisfactory areas in to good and then to excellent as we believe that is what the young people of East Middlesbrough deserve and require in order to provide them with the educational opportunities they need to succeed in adult life."

Quotes from the report:

- *Levels of care and support for students are good*
- *Students receive thoughtful and helpful guidance when selecting options within an impressive curriculum which has been developed to meet individual needs and interests*
- *A substantial proportion of lessons are good in many ways*
- *Much marking is of good quality and clearly points students towards improvement*
- *Behaviour in lessons is generally satisfactory and good relationships are evident between most teachers and their classes*
- *Leadership and management of the academy is good*
- *The proportion of students reaching the expected level in national tests at the end of Key Stage Three has improved steadily*

- *Students are increasingly positive about the academy and most are willing to learn*
- *A untied and effective approach to promoting positive behaviour is emerging*
- *Staff do a great deal to support and motivate students*
- *Classrooms are bright and well organised*
- *The academy provides an adequate and expanding range of extra curricular activities*
- *The rewards scheme provides genuine praise for those who do well and actively supports improvements in personal development and achievement*

Unity City Academy is based in East Middlesbrough and is one of three City Academies in the town. More information is available at www.unityacademy.org.uk.

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