

## **Statement for Press – Chellaston Academy**

There have been so many positive changes at Chellaston Academy since the Ofsted inspection was carried out.

The new Headteacher is providing clear and decisive leadership and is driving appropriate change at pace. He has been welcomed by the staff, parents, and most importantly the students, and has the full support of his team, Trust Leaders and Trustees.

Already, the vast majority of students are flourishing in a safe and orderly environment, and provision is developing well for those students whose behaviour has sometimes fallen short of expected standards. The effectiveness of the school's safeguarding arrangements has been a focus and the recording of safeguarding concerns has already improved. An action plan to address the outcome of an independent safeguarding review, commissioned by the Trust in the Spring Term, is being implemented, and rigorous quality assurance processes are in place, to improve the quality of education. Developing reading remains a priority.

We are really proud of the Sixth Form which is a real strength of the school and are pleased this has been highlighted in the report.

There is work to do at Chellaston, without doubt, but we are confident that the right foundations have been laid to ensure rapid and sustained improvements.

Anne Martin CEO