



**Bluecoat Beechdale
Academy**

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‘Good’ news for Bluecoat Beechdale

Less than three years after being sponsored by Bluecoat Academies Trust, Bluecoat Beechdale, formally known as Hadden Park High School has received a ‘good’ grading in its recent Ofsted report. This is a radical change from the last Ofsted inspection which Hadden Park High School received in November 2013. The 2013 report described the school as inadequate and in need of special measures. Weaknesses in the school ranged from outcomes, teaching and learning to leadership and management.

This is in stark contrast with the good judgments received for teaching and learning, leadership, outcomes and overall effectiveness in February 2017. Examples of the many positive aspects highlighted in the 2017 report include:

“All pupils are being well prepared for [the] next stage of their education, training and employment, because the school ensures that they leave with the skills they need to prosper”

“Teachers have good subject knowledge, which they use to enthuse pupils. They have high expectations of what pupils can achieve and work hard to ensure that pupils share these aspirations.”

“Extra-curricular opportunities are extensive and exemplary.”

“The school has a clear behaviour policy, which sets high standards for pupils’ conduct.”

Ofsted, February 2017

Carl Elder, Principal at Bluecoat Beechdale commented, ‘this report is a validation of the enormous amount of hard work and dedication shown by students, staff and governors at Bluecoat Beechdale. I am incredibly proud of their many achievements and genuinely believe that this good grading will be the springboard to even greater things to come.’

Sian Hampton, Executive Principal of Bluecoat Academies trust commented, ‘this is a remarkable achievement in less than three years. The journey that Beechdale has gone on is truly inspiring. I am delighted for all of our partners and supporters in the wider community such as the Local Authority and the Regional School Commissioner for their faith in us to turn this amazing school around. I hope this will start to build the confidence of our local community to believe that they and their children can achieve the most incredible things!