



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Queensbury High School

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Dear Pupils in Year 8,

I thought it appropriate to send my congratulations to those of you in Year 8 for successfully achieving the 'Investors in Pupils' award. I am also pleased to inform you that your school is the first High School in Bradford and only the third in the country to achieve the 'Investors in Pupils' award.

On behalf of our assessor team I would like to thank all the students for a very enjoyable visit and for the opportunity and privilege to witness such a positive community in action. We experienced a lively and friendly atmosphere in a very active school environment. I attribute this to your enthusiasm, sensible behaviour and the pride that you show for your school.

I was also very impressed with how students have so quickly developed such a good understanding of how the school operates and their part in making it a successful school. You confirmed that there were opportunities for you to present your views to the staff and that your opinions were appreciated and, wherever possible, acted upon. I tried to reflect your opinions in my assessor's report for your school and I am confident that the staff will respond positively to your views and ideas.

I was very impressed by the many contributions you are already making to the school. I have therefore made the recommendation that your school should seriously consider how students could take on additional responsibilities and lead various aspects of 'Investors in Pupils'. I met many talented, confident and hard working students who already possess the skills and imagination to ensure that there will be further improvements at Queensbury. I believe that you can do even more than you already do and I am confident that you could both help to spread 'Investors in Pupils' practice to the rest of the school and also support other High Schools to achieve the award.

It is also important to tell you that I found the staff I met to be dedicated, committed to doing their best for the students and determined to ensure that Queensbury is a thriving school community. They are very proud of you and enjoy working with you.

You thoroughly deserve your award for 'Investors in Pupils'.

Keep working hard and enjoy your time at Queensbury.

Malcolm Lister

'Investors in Pupil' Assessor

A selection of comments made by students during the assessment day

- "We know what do if bullying happens. We get support"
- "There are very good relationships".
- "Students who struggle get good support".
- "We are listened to – we go to form tutors with any problems".
- "Investors in Pupils has improved behaviour".
- "People understand why we have certain rules".
- "Some teachers work really hard to make lessons exciting and different".
- "Teachers are strict but only when they need to be".
- "There is plenty of good sport here".
- "Naughty people don't answer back to teachers as much".