

Dear Stakeholders (Learners, Parents/Carers, Employers, Staff and Directors)

## It's official LDE is Graded Good by Ofsted



We are delighted that the work of our learners, staff, employer sponsors and parents/carers has been formally recognised by Ofsted who graded us Good in every category. LDE really did shine during the Ofsted inspection on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of March!

The report, [found here](#), is very positive and highlights all the amazing efforts and achievements that take place every day at our UTC. Ofsted describes LDE as a place where ***"Pupils are happy and safe in school."*** and that ***"the school goes the 'extra mile'."*** It was nice to see that our values, ethos, and culture shine through the report where ***"Pupils appreciate being taught about the wider world of work, employability qualities and practical life skills"*** and that the ***"Working relationships between teachers and pupils are positive. Pupils behave well. They are attentive in lessons and want to succeed. Pupils work respectfully with each other."***

Our teachers meticulous planning was recognised ***"The curriculum is well planned and sequenced. Subject leaders have thought about their curriculum so that it helps all pupils, including pupils with special educational"***. ***"Across the curriculum, employer-led projects support and enhance pupils' professional experiences and learning. This helps pupils to make connections to the wider world of work and provides a valuable external audience for their project work."***

It was also nice to see that Ofsted recognised the impact from our wellbeing initiatives stating that ***"Staff feel well supported. Leaders have put initiatives in place to help them to manage their workload. They know that leaders care about their well-being and typically described the school as a 'family.'"***

Ofsted's high praise and recognition of LDE will provide the confidence for us to improve further, share our experiences with other schools/colleges and explore new opportunities to widen the positive impact and provide our employer led curriculum to more learners.

I look forward to the next phase of LDE's development.

Yours sincerely



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