

BBC Press Release

Andalusia Academy Bristol recognises the issues identified in the recent Ofsted report and welcomes the opportunity to provide some feedback. This was obviously a deeply disappointing report, but the challenges it presents us with will be met vigorously.

Prior to the inspection we evaluated our practices, and commissioned an independent review to identify areas which needed to be improved or developed. As a result of the findings, we strengthened leadership across the school by appointing an experienced Principal, and are in the process of implementing a new governance structure.

The school takes safeguarding seriously, and all safeguarding issues have been addressed. We have revised our safeguarding policy, appointed a new safeguarding team, who have received training in current safeguarding practices.

The report, however, does not reflect the academic success and attainment of our students. Our 2016 GCSE results were an impressive **80% A*-C** in all subjects, and **70% A*-C** (including English and Maths), an increase from last year. We also doubled the number of A* compared to last year. Our early Arabic GCSE entrants performed extremely well, with **100% A*-A**. We also saw great successes in our SATS results, we exceeded the national average; by 15% in Key Stage 2. We also saw outstanding results in key Stage one. Early Years Attainment also had very good outcomes with **87.5%** of our girls achieving a 'good level of development' compared to **73.8%** the Bristol average, and **64.3%** of boys compared to **59.0%** the Bristol average.

The new Leadership Team, staff, and the wider school community are working tirelessly to meet the independent school standards.