



Swedish School in London celebrates its 4th “Outstanding” Ofsted result

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London, United Kingdom – The Swedish School in London has been awarded Outstanding in its latest Ofsted inspection, which took place on 6-8 June 2023. This is the fourth consecutive Outstanding result achieved by the School and the highest level awarded by Ofsted. The School has therefore been recognised as Outstanding for the last 13 years. The pupils, staff, parents and governors will all celebrate this triumph at the start of the new school year, when the School reopens after its summer break.

Ofsted is the UK Government’s Office for Standards in Education, Children’s Services and Skills. Ofsted inspects and grades all services providing education and skills for learners of all ages. There are four grades currently available:

- Grade 1 – outstanding
- Grade 2 – good
- Grade 3 – requires improvement
- Grade 4 – inadequate

In its previous report in 2019, the School achieved Outstanding in all of the six areas that were assessed. This latest report has continued with the clean sweep, this time undertaken using the new Ofsted independent schools inspection framework, and the School was graded Outstanding in all seven of the following areas: Overall effectiveness, Quality of Education, Behaviour and attitudes, Personal development, Leadership and management, Early years provision and Sixth-form provision. Indeed, the School has not even received any required development areas from Ofsted in the latest report, though of course it will always strive to be better.

Jenny Abrahamsson, Head Teacher at the Swedish School in London, said: “The whole school community should be thrilled with this news as it is a truly extraordinary achievement. The inspectors were particularly impressed with our pupils being polite, safe and motivated to learn; and with our teachers having strong subject knowledge and expertise, as well as high expectations for every pupil, ensuring that the pupils receive the individual support that they need to be successful.”

Klaus Bassler, Chair of the Board of Governors, said: “I would like to offer my congratulations to our staff, pupils and governors for this impressive Ofsted rating. Everyone has worked so hard to maintain the high quality of education and ensure the pupils have a rewarding school experience and this inspection has yet again reflected this. Given that hundreds of schools in England have been

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downgraded recently, we are especially delighted to be recognised as worthy of maintaining our Outstanding grade.”

In its [published statistics](#) from August 2022, Ofsted judged 5% outstanding, 57% good, 24% requires improvement and 13% inadequate, of all the independent schools inspected in 2021/22.

The full Ofsted report can be read at www.reports.ofsted.gov.uk.

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About the Swedish School in London:

The [Swedish School in London](#) is an independent, not-for-profit school in London delivering a first rate Swedish education from pre-school through to sixth form. It opened in 1907 to provide education to the children of employees of London-based Swedish organisations to ensure that the children could continue their schooling within the Swedish education system while living in London. Nowadays the School is open to everyone in the Nordic community in London, whether they are in London for just a couple of years or are permanent residents, and there are almost 300 pupils at the School, aged 3-19. It follows the Swedish curriculum and the Swedish grading criteria in accordance with the requirements of The Swedish National Agency for Education and Swedish School legislation. The School achieves strong academic results due to the high quality of education and the pupils benefit from small class sizes and a very high percentage of qualified skilled and experienced teachers. Pupils are well prepared to continue their tertiary education in Sweden, the UK, the US and elsewhere. It is based over two campuses – the pre-primary, primary and secondary school in Barnes SW13 and the sixth form in Kew TW9. The School is a charitable organisation (UK charity number: 307379) run by the Swedish School Society in London Ltd.

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