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# School is making progress

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A MUSLIM INDEPENDENT day school for boys in Batley has been rated "good" in a new Ofsted inspection.

Cambridge Street School, which has 33 pupils aged 11 to 16, was first inspected in September 2016 and rated inadequate due to unmet independent school standards.

But under the leadership of head teacher Suleman Collector it has thrived, with inspectors praising the school's social, moral, spiritual and cultural skills development.

Over three days last month inspectors found standards were high, staff were offered opportunities to improve, the quality of teaching was "consistent and constantly" going up and pupils were making "good progress" in a wide

range of subjects including the Islamic curriculum.

That curriculum was found to provide balance and enables pupils to study "a broad range" of appropriate subjects.

However Ofsted said whilst the "vast majority" of pupils attend school regularly "a significant minority" do not. Inspectors also urged more attention be given to pupils' written accuracy across the curriculum.

Reacting to the rating Mr Collector said: "We are delighted with Ofsted's findings, which recognise the high standard of work being achieved. I am pleased that the dedication of our staff and support of our parents has been recognised."

"However, we don't see this as the end of our improvement journey, but a step towards our aim to be an outstanding school and continue to nurture our students to be upright citizens who will give back to the community."

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**RATED:** Cambridge Street School has jumped from inadequate to good in the recent Ofsted report