

Ofsted

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What did Ofsted say – the top 10 (well actually 13) statements?

students' progress in the sixth form and overall progress measures in the end of key stage 4 tests have been **very good**.

progress in mathematics in the end of key stage 4 tests in 2017 placed the school in the top 20% of schools nationally, with middle-ability and the most able **pupils achieving significantly above pupils of similar abilities nationally**

[at key stage 5] overall outcomes for learners are **well above the national average**

transition from key stage 2 to 3 is **seamless**

pupils are learning progressively in subjects within the five years before taking their end of key stage 4 tests

subject leaders intervene with teachers and pupils, as and when necessary

learners are known well as individuals and are provided with **meaningful careers guidance** so that they leave the sixth form to follow appropriate paths in education, training or employment

What did Ofsted say?

you have implemented a **planned and cohesive approach** to supporting pupils' progress which has **benefited disadvantaged pupils....differences are diminishing**

you **eliminate any external barriers** and ensure pupils are ready, regardless of personal circumstances, to learn
pupils who have special educational needs (SEN) and/or disabilities have been performing well from their starting points for many years

wise spending of the Year 7 Catch Up funding

Safeguarding arrangements for the pupils are strong and part of the school's culture

attendance overall has improved and persistent absence has lessened

What did Ofsted say we still needed to develop?

the positive changes to the curriculum and tracking processes **are maintained** so that pupils of every ability level reach the high standards of which they are capable

the focus on improving attendance and reducing persistent absence for disadvantaged pupils **continues**, so that attendance and persistent absence are at least in line with national averages

What did we learn?

- **The new section 8 inspection is ‘light’ touch (probably will return in 4 years if results secure)**
- **Safeguarding is paramount (culture in school is excellent)**
- **Website is key to presenting information (re launch in the summer/autumn term)**
- **Show robust and accurate self evaluation**
- **‘Outstanding’ is now top 10% and everything needs to be in line for national for all sub groups**
 - **Progress**
 - **Attendance**

What did we learn?

Next steps

- **Our 5 year mastery provision is exactly the right course to be taking**
- **Teaching learning/self review is secure**
- **Behavior of students is secure**
- **Excellent DSEN/ Nest provision**

- **Continue to focus on wellbeing (wellbeing strategy)**
- **Continue to focus on disadvantaged (attainment and attendance)**
- **Challenge to create aspirational learners (enrichment; TLA doc for students)**
- **Continue to tackle the deficit – we need to be out of deficit to control our own future**