



Seaford Head School : Still Outstanding!

Staff and students from Seaford Head School are celebrating after a team of inspectors visited the school in November and confirmed that the school continues to be outstanding across all areas. Highlights identified by the inspection team's report included: outstanding teaching and learning, students' exemplary behaviour, the excellent pastoral team, very strong exam results, teachers' subject expertise, supportive transition arrangements, the excellent careers programme, enhanced SEND support, dedicated leadership, strong governance, the broad curriculum and progression onto ambitious career pathways. The inspection team did not identify a single area where the school needs to improve.

Bob Ellis, the Headteacher commented, "I am so proud of our staff and students. This confirms what a fantastic school Seaford Head is, and how fortunate I am to be part of it. Although it is extremely flattering that the inspection team could not identify anything to improve, we would never allow ourselves to become complacent. We will continue to strive to provide the best possible education for all our students with a particular focus on the most vulnerable learners in our community."

Chloe Breeds, a Year 9 student, stated, "I love this school and didn't really need visitors to tell me it's brilliant. Not only are the teachers fantastic at developing your learning, all the support staff are so kind and supportive. Exams are important but I know that the school cares about me as a whole person, not just test results".

This is the second time that an Inspection team has found the school to be outstanding. The previous inspection took place in September 2017, just after the Sixth Form had reopened. This provision has gone from strength to strength and now accommodates over 200 students. In terms of Oxbridge progression, the school outperforms many independent schools, with four students securing places at Oxford last year. This progression into the "most prestigious universities" and attainment at A-Level were both highlighted in the report.

Mr Colin Laidlaw whose sons went through the Sixth Form and progressed onto university commented, "Not everyone in Seaford seems to fully appreciate how lucky they are to have this amazing school in the town – I think I am right in saying it's the only secondary school in the whole of the county which is graded as outstanding. Both my sons did really well and my youngest has just graduated in Physics from Oxford."

Seaford Head School is part of the Seaford Learning Trust, which also includes Chyngton, one of the Primary Schools in the Town. Chyngton's Headteacher Amy Clarke commented, "It is great for the town to have such a fantastic secondary school. There is a constant flow of students and staff between our two schools and all of our pupils have guaranteed progression into Seaford Head's Year 7. It really inspires our pupils to see their older peers doing so well."

Although the outstanding label no longer gives schools exemption from inspection, Seaford Head is not due to be visited for the next 4 years by which time they will be celebrating over a decade of being graded as "outstanding".

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