

Value for Money Statement

Academy trust name: Sir Harry Smith Community College

Academy trust company number: 08006711

Year ended 31 August 2014

I accept that as accounting officer of Sir Harry Smith Community College, I am responsible and accountable for ensuring that the academy trust delivers good value in the use of public resources. I am aware of the guide to academy value for money statements published by the Education Funding Agency and understand that value for money refers to the educational and wider societal outcomes achieved in return for the taxpayer resources received.

I set out below how I have ensured that the academy trust's use of its resources has provided good value for money during the academic year.

Improving Education Outcomes

- Last 3 years College's 5 A*-C GCSE exam results has been above the national average;
- 100 % of students who wanted to get in to Higher Education did so;
- There has been a 3 year trend in the reduction of NEETs to 3 in 2013/2014;
- There has been an increase in the take up of in house school meals since the improvements to the dining facilities;
- The college has "improved the quality of teaching and achievement of students" Ofsted Nov 2014;
- Increasing numbers of orders placed via the internet, including those for catering supplies, giving better value for money;
- The governors "have successfully managed finances ensuring that resources are available to support new strategic appointments" Ofsted November 2014;
- Another Academy has been to ask advice about managing a restructuring process of their teaching and support staff;
- Curriculum areas bid for specific capitation to spend on equipment to raise standards in their area;
- Curriculum areas also have the opportunity to bid for grants to specifically raise attainment of pupil premium students;
- Curriculum and staffing needs already planned for September 2015/16 and 2016/17.

Areas for development

To develop additional and reliable revenue streams through better use of lettings of the College facilities. A working group will be set up to explore this issue.