



# Sir Harry Smith Community College

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Dear Parent,

I have the pleasure of attaching the 2014 Ofsted report for Sir Harry Smith Community College, following the recent two day inspection. I am delighted that the inspection team have agreed with our own judgement that we are a “Good” school. The four Inspectors were clear that the “students were proud of their school and behave well with respect and consideration towards each other.” They also highlighted the very strong relationships between staff and students, which I feel is a real strength of the College.

I was also very pleased that the inspectors recognised the improvement in behaviour and quality of teaching, as well as our strong focus on raising standards. This has led to students making good progress, especially in English and maths, achieving above the national average for five or more GCSE passes at A\* to C grades for the past three years. They also wrote that there was an “inclusive and supportive culture which promotes equality of opportunity for all.”

Our behaviour was also judged as “Good”, as was the way that the College keeps students safe. “Students are appreciative of their teachers and their College. Students arrive at lessons willing to learn and this has a good impact on their achievement.” I am very pleased by these comments as we have worked extremely hard, with you as parents and the students themselves, to have the highest expectations in terms of behaviour in the College.

We recognise that we are not yet “Outstanding” and have a clear framework to reach this goal. The inspection confirmed our own self-evaluation and we are clear as to what we have to do to provide an even better education for your children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students who were brilliant on two days of the inspection, as they normally are, and to all my colleagues who work with your children, giving their very best for them, day in and day out.

Yours sincerely,

Jonathan Digby  
Principal