



Sir Harry Smith Community College

JD/CM

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Dear Student

I wanted to write to thank you for your very positive contribution to our Ofsted Inspection and to explain what the Inspectors have written about the College. To arrive at their judgements they saw 42 lessons, talked to groups of students from all Key Stages, talked to staff, watched your behaviour at break and lunch, as well as on the way to lessons, and read comments posted on line by parents.

They have said that we are a “Good” school with “students who are proud of their school and behave with respect and consideration towards each other.” They also commented that “the relationships between staff and students are positive. Students arrive at lessons willing to learn and this has a good impact on their achievement.”

The Inspection team also highlighted that your behaviour was judged as “Good.” and that the “vast majority of students comply fully with the College’s high expectations and behave well in lessons, at break and when moving around the site. Students clearly understand and support the sanctions that are in place to deal with any unacceptable behaviour.”

Our performance in GCSE examination results was recognised as good and they also judged the quality of teaching as “Good”. “Students enjoy their lessons and Inspectors saw much teaching that challenged and interested students.”

Overall, the Inspectors feel that you make good progress while at the College, but we do need to ensure that we provide even more challenge to our highest ability students. We also need to ensure that we give specific advice on how to improve your work and make sure that you act upon this.

Our Sixth Form was also graded as “Good” with “the majority of students making good progress from their starting points.” The Inspection team recognised that the Sixth Form students feel valued and speak highly of the support and advice that they receive from their teachers.

I am delighted with the report and it reflects all the hard work that your teachers and support staff put in, day after day, to support you to do your very best.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Digby
Principal