

Dear Parent/Carer

On March 5th Ofsted visited our school to monitor the progress made since the previous inspection. I am delighted to now be able to share the findings of that visit.

The feedback was entirely positive and the inspector was very clear that we are doing the right things, in the right order and at the required speed. She was confident that the school is well on track to being 'Good' within the required time frame and, importantly, will be able to sustain and develop further from there.

This is excellent news for the community of Teignmouth and a welcome dose of positivity for school staff as we continue to drive rapid and significant improvement for the young people we serve.

The letter is attached for your reference but here are a few of the key messages:

- “You have strengthened the school’s middle leadership capacity and appointed experienced leaders to key curriculum positions.”
- “Leaders at all levels now have a shared vision for high-quality education and appreciate the pace of change needed.”
- “The curriculum intent is substantially more ambitious and better focussed on preparing pupils for external examinations and future studies.”
- “Adults are now raising expectations of what pupils should know and be able to do.”
- “Pupils’ current work shows how their knowledge is building over the course of their studies.”
- “You have prioritised addressing the weaknesses in identifying the needs of pupils with SEND.”
- “The school have significantly changed the curriculum and delivery methods (of PSHE)...pupils are beginning to become better prepared for adult life.”

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- “Pupils also appreciate the increase in extra-curricular and leadership opportunities that the school are now providing.”

Essentially, young people are being taught the right things in a more effective way, are being required to work harder and are, therefore, doing much better in the classroom. Outside of the classroom, young people are being given more opportunities and experiences that will enable them to grow into well-rounded individuals who can succeed in life. Providing the support some young people need in order to access learning is a priority. We know that there is still more to be done (the truth is that ‘improvement’ is never finished) but I hope that the outcome of this monitoring visit will provide you with some reassurance that the quality of provision for your child/children is improving rapidly.

Thank you for all your ongoing support, it truly is a team effort.