



HAWTHORN HIGH SCHOOL

Health, Happiness, Success



ESTYN Inspection Results

ESTYN Canlyniadau Arolygu

ESTYN Inspection Report 2014

Following the inspection of Hawthorn High School by Estyn, Her Majesty's Inspectorate for Education and Training in Wales, in March 2014, the team of inspectors judged that the school's current results are adequate, that provision in the school is good and that leadership and management in the school is good. Overall the school's prospects for improvement were deemed to be good.

These judgements were arrived at because of " a trend of improvement in pupils' performance in key stage 3 and in many indicators in key stage 4; the good progress made by pupils joining the school with weak reading skills; the high level of care and support for all pupils; pupils' positive attitudes to learning; and pupils' good behaviour in lessons and around the school".

The hard work of the teaching staff at the school was recognised as ESTYN stated that "Pupils feel safe and well supported in school. They know whom to contact if they have any academic, personal or social issues to discuss." "The school has a caring ethos and is a fully inclusive community. "

ESTYN said that the prospects for further improvement were good because: "The headteacher communicates clearly his vision for the school and provides strong strategic leadership; the leadership team is effective and has a consistent focus on improving accountability, outcomes and expectations; governors provide robust challenge; the school has coherent, rigorous and effective self-evaluation procedures that include comprehensive arrangements to gather the views of pupils and parents; and the leadership team implement a rigorous monitoring process that has resulted in improvements in the performance of departments and individual teachers".

"Pupils' attendance has improved in the last three years and now places the school in the upper 50% when compared with similar schools. Most pupils behave well in lessons and around the school. They are courteous and speak respectfully to each other and to adults and display positive attitudes to learning. Many show sustained concentration and most engage in their work with interest".

"The school has a caring ethos and is a fully inclusive community. The school motto 'Health, Happiness, Success' is promoted well at every opportunity. The school takes good account of pupils' backgrounds to ensure that pastoral care is appropriate."

A Copy of the ESTYN Inspection Report 2014 is available on the ESTYN website