

Bishop Stopford's School

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AN EXTRACT OF THE INSPECTION OF BISHOP STOPFORD'S SCHOOL BY OFSTED 19TH JUNE 2018

Following my visit to the school on 19 June 2018 with Yvonne Chisholm, Ofsted Inspector, I write on behalf of Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills to report the inspection findings. The visit was the first short inspection carried out since the school was judged to be good in January 2015.

This school continues to be good.

The leadership team has maintained the good quality of education in the school since the last inspection. Since your appointment as headteacher in September 2016 you have worked closely with governors and the leadership team. You are ambitious for all pupils.

In 2017, pupils' overall attainment in GCSE examinations was strong. The proportion of pupils achieving a good pass in English and mathematics was **significantly above national averages**. Sixth-form students' outcomes in 2017 examinations in applied subjects showed strong progress from their starting points.

Current students and pupils especially disadvantaged pupils are making stronger progress across almost all subjects because of the focused support you provide.

Pupils are proud of their school. They see themselves as part of a close school community. Pupils develop leadership skills both inside and outside school. Pupils said that through working with pupils from other local schools on a number of projects, they have developed social skills and established friendship with pupils from other schools.

You encourage your pupils to be proud of their diverse cultures and backgrounds. Pupils said that there is a 'sense of family' in their school. Staff provide support and care for pupils. Pupils know where to go for help. There is a calm orderly atmosphere around the school. Teachers manage any low-level disruption effectively. Pupils are keen to learn in this positive environment. They take pride in their work and they enjoy school.

Safeguarding is effective.

You and senior leaders have ensured that all safeguarding arrangements are fit for purpose. Leaders ensure that all relevant checks on staff are carried out prior to their employment in the school. Governors have oversight of these checks and take their safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. All staff are trained effectively so they understand how to keep pupils safe.

You can find the full report on the Ofsted website via the link [HERE](#).

