

Dear Parents and Students,

Ofsted inspected our College on the 24th April. We have now received the formal report and I invite you to visit our website and read the Inspectors' findings in detail.

I am delighted that the educational provision at Frome College continues to be good and am very pleased that the inspectors found the following key points:

- Substantial improvements to the leadership and management of the school
- Direct and purposeful leadership
- Most able pupils' progress was above average and these pupils continue to make strong progress
- Pupils receive good support from their teachers.
- Teachers know their pupils well and provide individualised help
- Teachers' expectations of pupils' conduct are high
- Students take responsibility for their learning and use their study time effectively.
- The majority of pupils make strong progress
- Senior leaders' work is effective because they know the needs of pupils and their families
- Pupils and sixth-form students feel safe. They say that they are listened to by staff and so feel settled and happy at school
- Governors have a good understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of the school's performance
- The progress of disadvantaged pupils is a high priority
- Senior leaders have ensured that teachers provide extra help to develop pupils' reading skills in all year groups
- Students are given frequent opportunities to think deeply about ideas in science and so they are making good progress.

The College benefits enormously from having such supportive parents, governors and motivated students. Thank you for all your support both during the inspection and, most importantly, day in day out as we work together to develop happy successful young people. I am sure you will join me in thanking our dedicated team of staff who have made this result possible.

Chair of Frome College Governors, Max Wide, said "We are delighted that the school has been given such a positive report which recognises the hard work and dedication of our staff and the way staff, pupils and parents work together to make this a college of which we can all be immensely proud. What the inspectors recognised in this judgement was our desire and ability to keep on improving to make the College an even better place to work and study."

Following this publication I would like to invite you to an open meeting on Thursday 7th June 2018 at 7pm. We will run the same meeting, during the college day, on Friday 8th June at 9.30am for families' convenience. In the meeting I will highlight key points from the letter and Governors will also be available for questions. This is another great opportunity for the community and the college to work together and I look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely

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