

Ofsted: Venerable Bede is a "Good" School.



Students, Staff and Governors of The Venerable Bede Church of England School are celebrating today after Ofsted awarded a "Good" overall and a "Good" in all four categories: Achievement, Quality of Teaching, Behaviour and Safety, Leadership and Management.

"The school provides its students with a good education. Senior leaders are driving change and improvement effectively. Achievement is good. GCSE examination results have risen sharply in the last two years. The overwhelming majority of students are making good progress and achieving well."

One of the first schools to be judged under the new framework, Mrs. Booth, Headteacher, commented, "We are absolutely delighted that Ofsted have recognised the achievements of our students and their positive attitude to learning. Ofsted have also recognised our capacity to improve further."

In terms of academic achievement, student results have risen markedly in the last two years and are above average. The new curriculum and focus on equality of opportunity for all students has created a "strong climate for learning."

The Inspectors observed many lessons throughout the inspection, commenting, **"Teaching is predominantly good and some is outstanding. The substantial investment in staff training is showing in the high proportion of teaching judged as good."** Mrs. Booth added, "We are now working towards improving Teaching and Learning further from good to outstanding overall."

Students enjoy their lessons at The Venerable Bede. The Inspectors were delighted to see how good the behaviour was in lessons and around the school: **"Break and lunchtimes are calm and well-ordered. Students are keen to learn and engage in activities productively. They work well together, sharing ideas, with many willing to offer their views and opinions."** The Inspectors were equally impressed with the pride that the students showed in their school.

Ofsted also recognised the good leadership in the school at all levels: **"The effective impact of the leaders' work demonstrates strong capacity to improve."** Chair of Governors, the Venerable Stuart Bain, is also delighted: "Our Ofsted is great news for our parents and carers who now have it confirmed by government that their children are attending a good school."

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