



HINCHLEY  
WOOD SCHOOL  
INSPIRING LEARNERS

# HINCHLEY WOOD SCHOOL IS OUTSTANDING!



*‘The school has high expectations and, as a result, pupils achieve highly.’*



*‘There is a strong learning culture across the school.’*

*‘The development of pupils’ character is exemplary.’*



*‘Staff are proud to be part of the school.’*

**NEWSLETTER**  
NOVEMBER 2023

  
**Ofsted**  
Outstanding  
Provider



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'Outstanding' in all areas  
reviewed during the 2023  
Ofsted inspection.**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

We are so pleased to welcome you to the November 2023 edition of the Headteachers' newsletter, which is dedicated to sharing the fantastic outcomes of our recent Ofsted inspection. We are absolutely delighted to announce that Hinchley Wood School has been graded as 'Outstanding' in all areas reviewed during this comprehensive evaluation. The areas assessed include:

- **Quality of Education,**
- **Personal Development,**
- **Behaviour and Attitudes,**
- **Leadership and Management,**
- **Sixth Form Provision**

This achievement is a testament to the unwavering dedication and hard work of our students and staff.

We are proud to remain an outstanding school. It is noteworthy that nationally, only 20% of schools that received an 'Outstanding' rating under the previous Ofsted criteria have maintained this top grading. In Surrey, this percentage drops even further, with only 8% of schools retaining their outstanding status. Our accomplishment, therefore, is truly exceptional and underscores the quality of education provided at Hinchley Wood School.

The complete Ofsted report is available for parents, carers, and students to read on our school website. However, we recognise that the official report is subject to a strict word count, and there is so much more we would like to share with you. In this newsletter, we aim to provide you with a glimpse of the positive comments we received from the inspection team during the final verbal feedback at the end of their two-day visit as well as a summary of the written report.

We are immensely proud of every member of our school community, and we also want to thank, once again, all of you who participated in the Parent Survey. It is fabulous to see that so many of you would recommend Hinchley Wood School to other families, further validating the exceptional work that is happening within our school.

We hope you enjoy reading this special edition newsletter as we celebrate this achievement together.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Enjoy the newsletter!

**Lucy Macdonald and Maria Cachia**  
Headteachers

**The full Ofsted Report is now available  
for you to read on our website.  
Here are a few highlights.**

“Behaviour in and around school is of an exceedingly high quality.”



“Pupils have extensive opportunities to take on leadership responsibilities.”



“There is high ambition for all pupils, especially those who are disadvantaged.”



“Relationships forged between staff and pupils are rooted in a genuine atmosphere of mutual respect. As a result, pupils enjoy their learning and relish being at school.”



“Trustees and governors are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities. They have a well-informed understanding of the school. Leaders are fully held to account for the school's performance.”



“Attendance is high, including in the sixth form, because pupils want to come to school.”

“The school is responsive to pupils' views and interests, developing their character and leadership skills.”



“The curriculum extends beyond the academic and actively fosters pupils' personal development. Leaders have ensured that all pupils have access to a wide-ranging and rich set of experiences.”



“Pupils say bullying is extremely rare and dealt with well by the school. Pupils feel safe and happy in the school.”



“The arrangements for safeguarding are effective.”



“Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) thrive, because their needs are identified and catered for precisely. This includes pupils supported by the NAS Cullum Centre.”



“Ongoing curriculum improvement is a strong feature of the school.”



## Verbal feedback highlights

*"Students support and care for each other... a significant contribution is made by the sixth form students to the wider school."*

*"Excellent, strong relationships between students and staff."*

*"Pastoral care is excellent... delivering knowledgeable, swift and appropriate action."*

*"Strong safeguarding culture which has built a multi-disciplinary team offering a wealth of support to students."*

*"The curriculum is ambitious and coherently planned. Assessment systems are seamless with consistent practice across the school."*

*"Teachers are experts in their field. We were stunned by the level of questioning."*



## SIXTH FORM

**Applications for September 2024 are STILL OPEN for Year 11 students!**

Go to [www.hinchleywoodschool.applicaa.com/year12](http://www.hinchleywoodschool.applicaa.com/year12) for the online application form or [www.hinchleywoodschool.co.uk/258/about-sixth-form](http://www.hinchleywoodschool.co.uk/258/about-sixth-form) for more information on the website.

Alternatively please contact **Fiona Gravette** at [fgravette@hinchleywoodschool.co.uk](mailto:fgravette@hinchleywoodschool.co.uk) for any other questions on Sixth Form admissions or if you are having difficulty completing the online form.

**The deadline for applications is 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**