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### **Whitchurch High School is going from strength to strength**

Whitchurch High School, Cardiff has recently been inspected by Estyn and has been noted by inspectors as being "... a good school and is moving forward from strength to strength".

Whitchurch High School was inspected recently as part of a national programme of school inspection. The purpose of inspection is to identify good features and shortcomings in schools in order that they may improve the quality of education offered and raise the standards achieved by their pupils.

All inspection reports provide a written report on seven key questions. Estyn use a five-point scale used to represent all inspection judgements and the grades are as follows:

**Grade 1** good with outstanding features

**Grade 2** good features and no important shortcomings

**Grade 3** good features outweigh shortcomings

**Grade 4** some good features, but shortcomings in important areas

**Grade 5** many important shortcomings

The School achieved outstanding features in all key questions, particularly in key questions three (how well do the learning experiences meet the needs and interests of learners and the wider community), four (how well are learners cared for, guided and supported) and seven (how efficient are leaders and managers in using resources). The quality of teaching, in the six subjects inspected in detail and also in the other lessons visited by the inspectors, is better than the national average as reported in Estyn's annual report.

Head teacher of Whitchurch High School, Mr Huw Jones-Williams, said: "We are very proud of our school and all it has to offer. We are pleased that the quality of curriculum provision, care and support and value for money is recognised along with many outstanding and innovative features".

Chair of Governors, Joyce Crandon said: "Governors are delighted that Whitchurch High School has been recognised as such a successful school, adding value to our students and offering outstanding opportunities, such as the International Baccalaureate, which are not available elsewhere in Cardiff. Governors are pleased that our wide ranging partnerships with our primary partner schools, businesses, international and community links have been recognised, giving an insight and engagement with others further a field. The Inspection illustrated just how much Whitchurch High School as a twelve form entry school is adding to our Community and to the future citizens of Cardiff. All, of the school community should be congratulated for this excellent report which is a tribute to the hard work of all."

Executive Member for Education and Lifelong Learning, Cllr Freda Salway, said: "It is always lovely to read the inspection reports, even more so when a school shows improvements from its previous report.

"The comments from the report are excellent and I would like to congratulate the school on its efforts – well done everyone."