

10th July 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It is with great pleasure that I write to you following the recent Ofsted inspection on 23rd and 24th June. I can formally announce that the decision of Ofsted is that Testwood Sports College is out of special measures and now has the status of being 'GOOD.'

The Ofsted team have measured Testwood Sports College against the current criteria and have stated that Leadership and Management, Teaching and Learning, Behaviour and Safety as well as Attainment are all category 2. The governors, staff and students are delighted with the news and I wanted to share it with you as soon as possible. Everyone in our community has worked tirelessly and I am so proud of their efforts which I am sure you share. Please find enclosed a full copy of the report which will be available online from Tuesday 14th July onwards.

As you are aware, the school was moved into special measures in November 2013 and since then the Department of Education and Ofsted have visited regularly to oversee the rapid improvement plans which were devised. On each occasion, both teams could see rapid progress but it was not until June 2015 that sufficient change convinced them that we met the necessary standards. You are encouraged to read the report for yourselves to reassure you that Testwood is back on track.

We look forward to a prosperous new academic year as well as improved exam results in August. We will continue to develop and improve our practice so that we provide your sons and daughters with the best education and opportunities possible. Should you wish to write to me regarding this letter and the Ofsted report, please do not hesitate to do so. In addition, if you wish to contribute to the Ofsted parent view report, please follow the link on our website. We are always very interested in your views and opinions.

May I take this opportunity to thank all of you who completed the parent view report earlier in June and those of you who came into school to meet the Inspectors.

It only remains for me to let you know that the summer newsletter and the July Testwood Sports College Review magazine will be coming home shortly.

STOP PRESS – We are having a non-uniform day on Wednesday 15th July to raise money for two important charities (George's Trust and New Community Kabira) please can your son/daughter bring £1 to support this. There will also be a cake sale and penalty shoot-out on Wednesday so any extra pennies would be gratefully received.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Pitman
Headteacher