

This letter is provided for the school, parents and carers to share with their children. It describes Ofsted's main findings from the inspection of their school.



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Dear Students

Inspection of Humphry Davy School, Penzance TR18 2TG

As you know, your school was inspected recently and I am writing to let you know what the inspection team thought about the quality of education you receive. Thanks to those of you who took time to talk to us about your work and life at school. We also talked to your teachers and other adults connected with the school, visited lessons, looked at your work and took account of the views of your parents and carers to find out how the school is doing. The full report is available from the school or on the Ofsted web site. Here are the main points:

- Your school provides a good education and, due to the strong leadership and hard work of staff, it is continuing to improve.
- You make good progress with your learning and benefit from a good range of courses which prepare you well for future education, employment or training.
- Following a drop in examination results, good teaching has raised your performance and brought results in line with the national average.
- The school uses its specialist status for music and mathematics extremely well to extend the curriculum.
- Your behaviour is good and you make an outstanding contribution to the school and wider community.
- The school has established outstanding links with your parents and carers and with community partners to help you learn.
- The outstanding quality of care, guidance and support has helped to raise your attendance to a much higher level than the average for schools nationally.

I have asked the school to do a few things to help it improve.

- Give more detailed help to those of you who struggle with reading and writing.
- Make better use of marking and assessment information to help you improve your work.
- Check more closely that some of the changes brought in to improve your learning are working.
- Provide more opportunities for you to learn about different cultural and religious traditions in the United Kingdom.

You can help by taking pride in your work and discussing how you might improve it with your teachers. Thank you once again for your help with the inspection.

Yours sincerely
Andrew Redpath
Her Majesty's Inspector