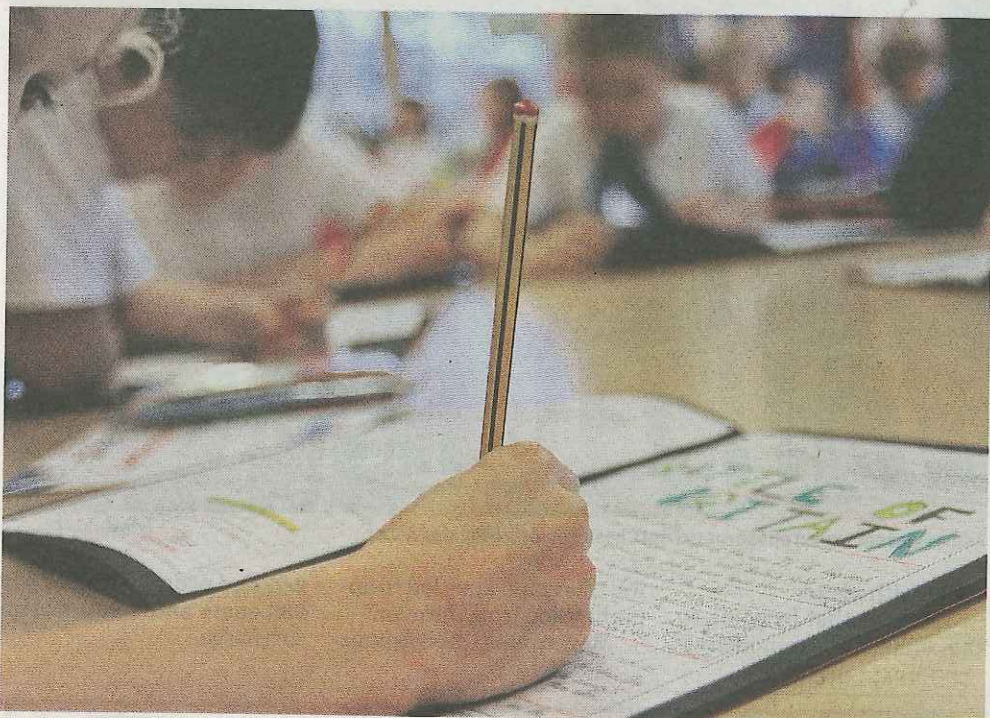


# School given higher rating from Ofsted



John Flamsteed School has achieved a good rating from Ofsted.

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**A high school which was identified as 'requiring improvement' has achieved a 'good' rating in its latest Ofsted inspection.**

The education watchdog praised John Flamsteed Community School, on Derby Road, Denby, for improving GCSE results, good behaviour and strong leadership.

Lead inspector Frances Le Pla said: "Pupils make good progress from their starting points. There has been a strong increase in GCSE examination results since the previous inspection, togeth-

er with improvements to progress across years and for different groups."

In English in 2014, the proportion of pupils making expected progress was below average. The proportion rose sharply in 2015 and is now similar to the national average, while maths is now above the national average. The report also noted that the gap between the attainment of boys and girls was closing.

Ms Le Pla added: "Teaching is improving quickly as a result of the strong drive by leaders."

The school is not yet outstanding because, the report states: "Marking is not yet of a consistently high quality. Teachers do not always give pupils clear guidance."

## Head teacher is 'delighted'

Lisa Walton started as headteacher at John Flamsteed in September 2014 when it was rated as 'requires improvement'. She said: "We are absolutely delighted with the good grade from Ofsted.

"Lots of work has gone in various areas of the school to improve standards, and I am delighted staff, pupils, parents and the community have shared our vision to become better.

"I am thrilled that the quality of teaching has improved. We have created dynamic, interesting lessons children want to be part of and pupils' GCSE results reflect this attainment."

## JOHN FLAMSTEED COMMUNITY SCHOOL – OFSTED RATED ‘GOOD’

The Governors of John Flamsteed Community School, Denby are delighted to have received an extremely positive Ofsted report from the recent full inspection which judged the school to be a ‘Good’ school in all areas of scrutiny. This did not come as a surprise to them given the excellent examination results in 2015 but also given the very positive progress that current students are now making in all subjects and in all year groups. Particular highlights of the report reflect the school’s uncompromising focus on improving teaching and the vastly improved behaviour and attitudes of all students since the last inspection. The new uniform, reflecting John Flamsteed’s role as the first Astronomer Royal, was also a feature of the report which commented that ‘students wear their new uniforms with pride and that they look extremely smart’.

In a letter sent home to parents, Mrs Walton, Headteacher, counsels against complacency. She says that the school is now fully focused on becoming Outstanding so that every child that goes to John Flamsteed Community School has the very best education possible.

The full report can be read here: [www.jfcs.org.uk](http://www.jfcs.org.uk)