



**Midhurst Rother College**

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Dear Parents/Carers

**Ofsted Judge Midhurst Rother College *Outstanding* in Every Category**

It is with great pleasure that we are able to share our Ofsted report with you. The outstanding judgements ***in all categories*** reflect the strong partnership that exists between you, your children and the College. Paper copies of the report can be provided on request otherwise the full report can be found on our website.

As mentioned in my previous letter about Ofsted, one of my fellow head teachers wrote to the parents of his school and said:

*It is important to remember [...] that the bar has been raised significantly. It is incredibly challenging for schools to attain Outstanding. [...] This is a very significant hurdle to overcome and no school in the local area has achieved this on the new framework.*

We are therefore doubly honoured to know that working with you and your children in the way we do, also means we join that small group of schools who are outstanding.

This wonderful piece of news is not an excuse for complacency; staff and governors remain focused on ensuring that current and future generations of students are served with distinction. With a history that began in 1672 we do not underestimate the importance of this responsibility.

I would particularly like to thank you and your children for being such loyal companions in a journey that began, for me, in 2009. It is so easy to forget (or ignore) the fact that the incredible improvements we have seen occurred *without* our fantastic new building – now we are here we will make even greater strides forward.

Before concluding, I would like to share two other very positive views of Midhurst Rother College that not only echo your trust in what we are doing but which also reinforce the view of Ofsted. Firstly, in *Academy Magazine* (Volume 2, Number 3, Summer 2013) Lord Nash (current Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools) made mention of the ‘astonishing turnaround in pupil performance’ at the College. Secondly, at our opening ceremony on 19 April, Lord Andrew Adonis (Minister of State for Education from 2005-08) described the College as an ‘outstanding institution’ whose transformation was ‘phenomenal’. He very definitely sees us ‘becoming one of the best schools in the country’ – and this remains our ambition.

Midhurst Rother College has come a long way and it is determined to go even further!

Yours sincerely

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