

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017

**Altwood Church of England School rated as Good by OFSTED**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted now to have received the final report from OFSTED following our inspection on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The full report will be published on the OFSTED website within the next five working days. However, I am pleased to inform parents and carers of the outcome in advance and a copy of the full report can be found on our website at <http://www.altwoodschool.net/ofsted-siams-reports/>

In this inspection, Altwood was judged to be a 'Good' school in **all** areas. The inspection assessed the school's performance in five categories and then made an overall judgement. I am extremely proud to share those judgements with you:-

<b>Overall effectiveness</b>	<b>Good</b>
Effectiveness of leadership and management	<b>Good</b>
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	<b>Good</b>
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	<b>Good</b>
Outcomes for pupils	<b>Good</b>
16 to 19 study programmes	<b>Good</b>

As you will see when you read the full report, the inspectors found many, many strengths within the school and were very positive in their view of our school community. In particular the inspectors were impressed by our students:

"Pupils are sensible, mature and courteous... and are proud of their school. They wear their uniform smartly, and interact with adults and their peers in a friendly and engaging manner."

"...staff have high expectations of their pupils. Pupils are very keen to learn and are eager to do well."

This outcome recognises the significant progress made since the last inspection.

I am very grateful to the staff and governors for their tireless dedication, commitment and professionalism to providing a high quality educational experience for our whole school community. I was very pleased to read in the report that, "Pupils told the inspectors they appreciate the time teachers give them."

I am also very grateful to students and parents for their vital contributions and support in making Altwood such a positive place to work and study.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Neil Dimbleby  
Headteacher