



# Arthur Mellows Village College

Graded Outstanding consecutively by Ofsted (November 2009 and December 2014)  
"Constant improvement provides students with outstanding opportunities to learn"

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am delighted to share the report from our most recent Ofsted inspection which took place on 7 and 8 May 2025. The inspection was an extremely thorough and rigorous process, and I am delighted to inform you that we have been judged as Outstanding in four key areas:

- **Behaviour and Attitudes**
- **Personal Development**
- **Leadership and Management**
- **Sixth Form Provision**

In the report Arthur Mellows is described as a welcoming and vibrant school where pupils are happy, friendly, highly respectful and motivated and, as such, build strong, lasting friendships. Our pupils told inspectors how proud they were of our inclusive school.

**Outstanding Behaviour and Attitudes** - The report describes pupil conduct as excellent and pupils as polite, respectful and caring. Classrooms are calm, focused places where pupils work hard and show pride in their learning. Pupils with SEND are particularly well supported to manage their emotions and help them flourish.

**Outstanding Personal Development** - Personal Development provision is described as exceptional. Pupils benefit from a wide range of experiences that help them grow in character and confidence so that they are exceptionally well prepared for their next steps. Pupils feel valued, supported and listened to.

**Outstanding Leadership and Management** - Leaders are described as highly ambitious for all pupils. They place the well-being and success of pupils at the centre of every decision.

**Outstanding Sixth Form** - Our Sixth Form is described as a place where students benefit from an extensive mix of courses, personalised care and high-quality advice and guidance. That, coupled with consistently highly effective teaching enables students to make excellent progress, achieve highly and gain the qualifications they need to move on successfully.

Our Quality of Education was rated Good and highlighted many strengths:

- An ambitious curriculum that meets the needs of pupils well with high quality guidance to help pupils choose from a broad range of subjects.

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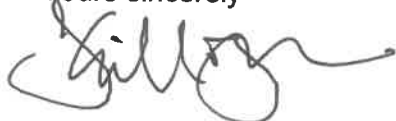
- Teaching that is typically strong and based on strong subject knowledge, where new ideas are explained clearly and understanding checked carefully using highly effective questioning.
- Most pupils, including those with SEND, achieve well due to staff quickly addressing gaps in knowledge and understanding.
- The needs of pupils with SEND are identified early so they can receive highly personalised care and support enabling them to achieve well from their individual starting points.
- Effective and timely support for pupils who are at earlier stages of reading to develop confidence and fluency ensuring they can access the full curriculum.

The report also noted one area for further enhancement regarding consistency in questioning and subsequent lesson adaption in a small number of lessons. We are already acting on this focus area and it will feature heavily in our whole college and department improvement plans and subsequent training and monitoring cycles next year and beyond. This will ensure that the small number of areas where this was identified as an issue are brought to the same high standards as seen elsewhere.

We are proud of this report but not complacent. As we move into the new academic year another Ofsted framework will come into being and schools will be judged on that. However, whatever the framework, we will continue to strive to provide the best education and school experience for all our pupils whose families entrust their futures with us.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support. Parents were overwhelmingly positive to inspectors about Arthur Mellows and the difference it makes to pupils' lives. We are extremely grateful for that and know that our partnership with you makes a real difference.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Gilligan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**MR J GILLIGAN**  
Head of College