

OfSTED Pilot Inspection - Awesome

This week we took part in a pilot inspection for the new OfSTED Inspection framework due to be implemented in September. I was asked to keep it 'hush-hush' but am now in a position to share our experience. As a solidly 'Good' school I was asked to be a 'guinea pig' for this pilot, am I mad you might ask? I certainly asked myself the question more than once! Whilst there is no report and there were no judgements I was keen to establish where we were on our journey towards outstanding in 18 months. Well no surprises, we are well on our way. Feedback from the inspectors was both incredibly positive and insightful. What came through very strongly was the positivity and ambition of both pupils and staff. Pupils value both their school and the work of teachers and support staff. The quality of teaching and learning was 'solid', progress of pupils is good. There were no significant areas for improvement just continued work on the areas we identify in our own strategic development planning. Thank you to all pupils, staff and the Governors. I will now be sharing my experience of the process with other Headteachers in order that they can begin planning for their own inspections. Staff, pupils and parents should feel incredibly proud of their school and I look forward every day in seeing this school become the outstanding school it deserves.

Excellent Staffing Appointments

Just before half-term I was delighted to appoint a number of new staff who will be joining our expanding team in September due to our continued growth. I look forward to introducing them in the Summer. Teacher recruitment can at times be difficult but with such positivity around the school Sarum is definitely becoming the place to teach.

Year 11 Mock Exams

Well done to the Year 11 pupils on the positive mock exam results. Continue to work hard and you will achieve even more!

Check-it-out week 2019



Next week is 'Check-it-out!' week in the Academy. A collaborative project with The Bridge, themed the Power of Words, will bring lots of opportunities and excitement. Jozzy – DJ and MC will be joining us for the week, both performing and working with groups of pupils. There will be lots of spoken word opportunities, a silent disco and time for reflection. My thanks to The Bridge.

