



OFSTED REPORT

2020

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OUTSTANDING

**PETER
SYMONDS
COLLEGE**

OUTSTANDING FOR A GENERATION

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CELEBRATES ANOTHER IMPRESSIVE
OFSTED INSPECTION

Students and staff at Peter Symonds College are celebrating the result of a recent Ofsted inspection which reconfirms the College's status as an 'outstanding' provider, a grade the College has now maintained for an incredible 15 years.



Here's a snapshot of what Ofsted said...

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Students are "highly motivated and keen to learn."

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The College provides "a challenging curriculum that enables students to achieve and often exceed expectations."

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Students "are very well-prepared for their aspirational next steps."

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The "high levels of individual support contribute to the very low number of students leaving their courses early."

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Students "respect their teachers and each other."

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The College has an "inclusive curriculum and supportive ethos."

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Students are "confident and polite."

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The College has "excellent facilities and resources" with a "wide range of enrichment activities."

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Students with high needs "develop the confidence and resilience to enable them to become more independent."

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"Students value the accessibility of drop-in workshops and the one-to-one support they receive."

Inspectors graded the College as 'outstanding' following one of the first inspections to take place under Ofsted's challenging new framework.

Quality of education: Outstanding

Behaviours and attitudes: Outstanding

Leadership and management: Outstanding

Principal Sara Russell said "Peter Symonds has long had a great reputation for excellence, support and enrichment and I am so pleased these qualities come through so strongly in the report. Our students are at the centre of everything we do and we strive to ensure they are always receiving the very best education and support, both inside the classroom and in extra-curricular activities and services."

Sara added "I'm so proud of our wonderful staff, students, governors and entire College community and delighted that the report recognises the dedication and passion they all bring to Peter Symonds year after year."

The report praised the student experience at Peter Symonds, applauding our facilities, and drew attention to the College's efforts to ensure that every student achieves their best, commending staff for implementing "a challenging curriculum."

Inspectors drew attention to the high level of support we give students, highlighting drop-in workshops and one-to-one sessions, and recognised that students with high needs received sensitive and comprehensive support making them "as well prepared for progression to university or work as their peers."

The College's enrichment programme was also highly praised, with inspectors noting that "Students' participation in enrichment activities develops their sense of social justice and their roles as active citizens" and "Managers and teachers provide students with a wide range of enrichment activities that broaden the knowledge and skills they acquire in the classroom."

"We are delighted that Ofsted has once again found the College to be outstanding, continuing a proud tradition now stretching to some fifteen years. To reach outstanding is in itself a significant achievement. To remain outstanding for so long is remarkable."

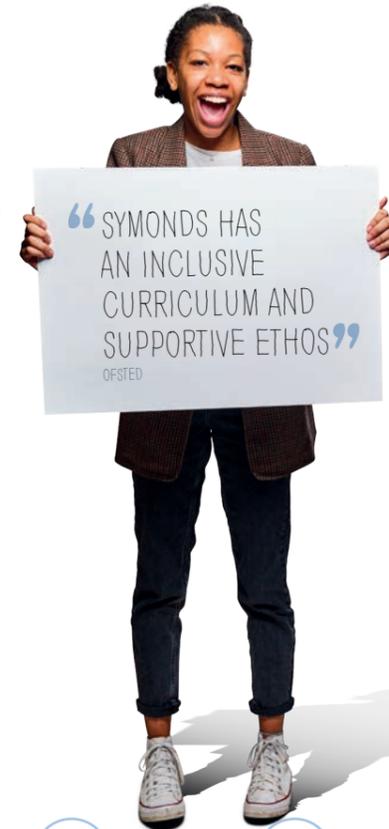
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"Education shouldn't be limited to the classroom" Sara Russell said. "We have worked hard to develop and maintain a remarkable enrichment offer of over 140 activities to give all our students an opportunity to stretch themselves, learn something new and develop a current skill or take some time to relax and have fun. It's about providing a balanced, well-rounded education and great to see the benefits of this programme recognised by the inspectors."

The College's Governors are also praised for their role working with staff to "maintain an inclusive curriculum and supportive ethos, while still maintaining expectations about high standards."

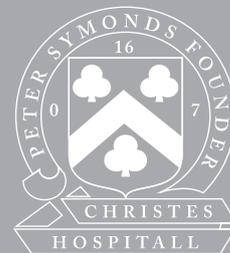
"We know from the league tables and university progression data that our students do well here, but this inspection focused on the quality of education, not just the results. To get an 'outstanding' judgement lasting over 15 years is remarkable and shows just how seriously we take the business of educating young people" said Sara Russell.



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