

This letter is provided for the school, parents and carers to share with their children. It describes Ofsted's main findings from the inspection of their school.



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Dear Students

Inspection of Harrow High School and Sports College, Harrow HA1 2JG

Thank you for welcoming us so warmly when we visited your school and for telling us about it. We found that it is a good school. We were impressed with the excellent way you get on with each other and with your teachers; some of you told us about the sense of family in the school. Most of you behave very well and have good attendance, and many of you help other students, for example by being mentors or coaches.

Most of you make good progress. Staff check how well you are doing, support you if you are falling behind and help you out if you have any difficulties. You enjoy the wide range of courses and sporting opportunities.

We found that teaching is good or better in most lessons, but sometimes you are not:

- challenged or supported enough to meet targets or develop literacy skills
- expected to participate actively in group work or discussion
- given marking and guidance that shows you how to improve
- involved in assessing or showing how well you are meeting targets.

We have asked the school to improve teaching so that it is consistently good in these areas. We have also asked the school to help you to reach higher levels of attainment, particularly in English and mathematics. You can help by making sure you understand your targets and how to meet them.

The headteacher and staff are very good at making improvements in the school and have done so for attainment, progress, behaviour and attendance.

I wish you success at school and in helping it continue to improve.

Yours sincerely

Gill Close
Her Majesty's Inspector