

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO CABINET

28 FEBRUARY 2017

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION AND FAMILY SUPPORT

ESTYN INSPECTION OUTCOMES FOR BRYNTIRION COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report informs Cabinet Members of the outcomes of the recent Estyn inspection of Bryntirion Comprehensive School.

2. Connection to Corporate Improvement Objectives / Other Corporate Priorities

- 2.1 The information in this report relates to the strategic priority in the Corporate Plan 'supporting a successful economy'.

3. Background

- 3.1 This school was inspected by Estyn in October 2016 and the report was published in December 2016. The full text of the report is available on the Estyn website: www.estyn.gov.uk

4. Current situation / proposal

- 4.1 Inspectors reached the following judgements:

Current Performance	Excellent
Prospects for Improvement	Excellent
How good are outcomes?	Excellent
Standards	Excellent
Wellbeing	Excellent
How good is provision?	Good
Learning experiences	Good
Teaching	Good
Care, support and guidance	Excellent
Learning environment	Excellent
How good are leadership and management?	Excellent
Leadership	Excellent
Improving quality	Good
Partnership working	Good
Resource management	Excellent

The school is excellent because:

- Performance in nearly all main key indicators at key stage 4 since 2014 has been well above that of similar schools, with pupils making exceptional progress from previous key stages in the majority of indicators

- Performance in the indicators that include English and mathematics has been consistently very high for the last three years
- More able pupils, pupils with additional learning needs and pupils eligible for free school meals achieve very well
- In 2016, provisional data indicates that performance in the sixth form is above that of similar schools in all indicators and consistently well above in the average wider points score and the proportion of pupils achieving three A* to C grades since 2014
- Pupils have exceptionally positive attitudes to their learning
- Rates of attendance have been consistently well above modelled outcomes for four years
- The school's outstanding ethos, its high quality arrangements for care, support and guidance, and the consistently good teaching in lessons ensure that pupils are highly engaged and motivated to learn

The school's prospects for improvement are excellent because:

- The headteacher and senior team provide exceptional strategic leadership
- There is a clear vision to develop a culture of high expectations in all aspects of the school's work
- The school is an effective learning community with a culture of sharing and striving to improve key areas of performance
- The school's systematic and well-designed quality improvement arrangements contribute well to strengthening provision
- Line management responsibilities are clear and robust, and they ensure that teachers and managers at all levels are fully accountable for their work
- The school has made very strong progress in addressing recommendations from the previous inspection report

4.2 The report included the following recommendations:

R1 Improve the quality of written feedback to pupils and their response to it
 R2 Improve arrangements to develop pupils' Welsh language skills

4.3 The school will draw up a post inspection action plan which will show how it will address the recommendations.

4.4 Estyn has invited the school to prepare a written case study, describing the excellent practice identified during the inspection.

4.5 The Local Authority with the Central South Consortium will support the school to continue to improve outcomes and address all the recommendations.

5. Effect upon Policy Framework and Procedure Rules.

5.1 There is no impact on the Council's policy framework or procedure rules.

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 There are no direct equality impact issues arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this information report.

8. Recommendation

8.1 It is recommended that Cabinet note the content of this report and that both the school's current performance and prospects for improvement are judged "excellent" by Estyn.

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Background documents

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