

PRESS RELEASE

Abbey School Inspection Report

On Friday 10th June 2016, Ofsted published their inspection report of Abbey School, following a 2 day "section 5" inspection on 24th & 25th May.

The school was graded "good" in all areas by Ofsted, which is a remarkable outcome for a school that was judged to be "inadequate" in all areas in September 2014.

The phrase "team Abbey" has been a hallmark of the ethos that has been adopted by everyone involved. Leaders and staff at the school have worked tirelessly to turn the quality of teaching and learning around alongside parents and carers who have an energetic focus on children's academic progress.

Headteacher Luci Windle – named Hallam FM Teacher of the Year in April – was unequivocal about the impact this mentality has had at the school, saying:

"Without a vision, without a team, things cannot move forward. At Abbey our children and young people are at the heart of our vision, ethos and values. We are now a school that inspires our pupils and families to believe in themselves which in turn allows them to achieve to their full potential. This has happened because the team have these values as their core belief."

On 1st June 2016, Abbey School joined with two other special schools in Rotherham to establish Nexus Multi Academy Trust. A Nexus spokesperson said:

"We are all thrilled that the hard work of everyone involved with the school has been recognised by Ofsted. Abbey brings a wealth of talent to Nexus Multi Academy Trust, and the MAT comes into being with some real strengths and a relentless drive to push all our schools harder to make our provision better.

"The Interim Executive Board, Luci and the team have been relentless in their pursuit of higher standards and – thanks to their industry and unwavering focus on securing better outcomes for children and young people – we start our journey as a Multi Academy Trust with three secure and successful schools where children are happy and well educated."

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