



Ofsted Report

Dear parents and carers,

We are delighted to share the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection, which recognised the many strengths of our school community and confirmed that Sturminster Newton High School meets the expected standard in all areas inspected.

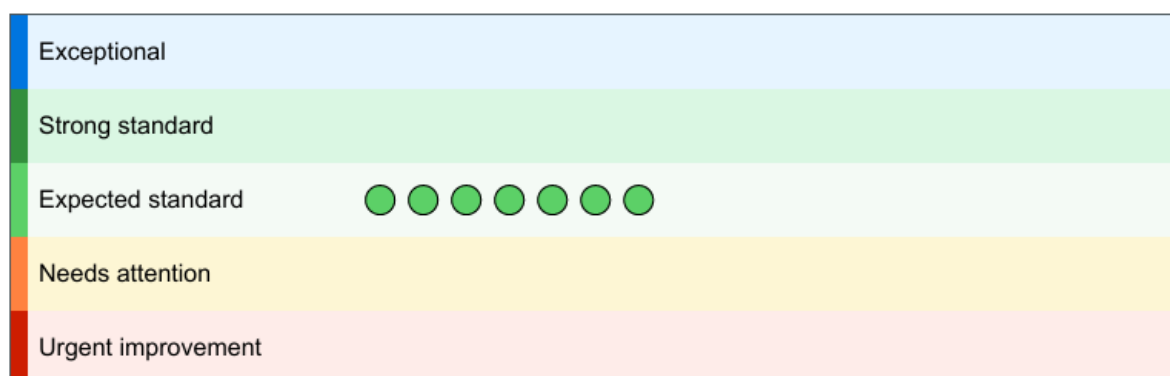


Sturminster Newton High School

Address: Bath Road, Bath Road, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT10 1DT

Unique reference number (URN): 149657

Inspection report: 21 April 2026



✓ Safeguarding standards met

The report highlights the positive culture that has been developed across the school, recognising the strong relationships between students and staff, the inclusive environment and the sense of belonging experienced by pupils.

Inspectors found that pupils enjoy being part of the SNHS community, feel safe in school and know who to turn to when they need support. The report notes that pupils behave well, are respectful of others and demonstrate our school's values of respect, responsibility and resilience in their daily lives.

The report also recognises our broad and ambitious curriculum, effective support for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), strong safeguarding arrangements and the wide range of opportunities available to support students' personal development.





Inspectors praised our commitment to inclusion, noting the support available for pupils' educational, emotional and mental health needs. They also highlighted the extensive enrichment opportunities available, including sports clubs, drama productions, volunteering, educational visits and the Ten Tors Challenge.

Ofsted acknowledges the progress made by the school in recent years and recognises the strong sense of community that has been established. Inspectors found that leaders, governors and trustees work together effectively to support pupils and drive continued improvement.

We would like to thank our students for the positive attitudes, resilience and commitment they demonstrate every day. The inspection findings reflect the way pupils contribute to the welcoming and supportive environment that visitors experience when they come to the school.

We would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and partnership. The positive relationships between home and school play a vital role in helping young people succeed and in building the strong community recognised by inspectors.

We are very pleased with the report outcomes but remain committed to continuous improvement and will continue working to ensure every student receives the highest-quality education, support and opportunities to succeed. We would encourage everyone to read the full report which is available on our website here: [OFSTED - Sturminster Newton High School](#)

Warm regards,

Mr M Motteram
Headteacher

