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Parish Council Report April 2015

Another really busy year since I wrote last time, once again our results increased with our students achieving 62% 5 A*-C grades with English and Maths, these were again above the national standard and our progress based on when the students arrived to us was stunning, beating national figures by huge amounts. We were delighted to be 7th in the Suffolk League Tables based on first entry rules and third for English. Really big congratulations must go to the students and parent/carers but also a hearty thank you to my ever hard working staff who commit so much time to our students to help them achieve their best.

I am also very proud of the fact that all our students went into further education, apprenticeships or jobs with training. The icing on the cake was being endowed with a National Pupil Premium Award for the hard work we have done in closing the gaps with our more disadvantaged students.

I could not write without mentioning how delighted we were to achieve our Ofsted rating of Good. We had worked so incredibly hard to ensure we achieved this and our students were magnificent in supporting us through the two day visit, really helping to show us off at our best!

Once again we have had an exciting year with Author visits, a workshop day with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and a Rock Band Day where our students worked with musicians to write and perform their own ensembles. Our primary feeder schools have also been able to visit and participate in a number of these events. We were delighted to host a KS2 and KS3 art exhibition this term sharing the talents of our students across our feeder schools.

As with last year our curriculum evenings continue to support options choices, how to begin GCSE courses, E-safety, revision strategies and how to help your child with their homework. Our Pathways evening was a great success providing students with the opportunity to discuss careers and post 16 option choices.

We were delighted to host a three day visit from the DfE to provide one of their employees a look at life in a secondary school. She praised the work of the staff and students and felt we were a school offering the best for our students. This is of course fantastic to have go back to the Department! It also provided me with an opportunity to talk through changing policy and curriculum reform.

Our environment plans this year include refurbishing our Food Technology room and reception area, last year when I wrote we were planning to develop the Library. Our new Learning Resource Centre is fantastic and a lovely environment for our students to work in and study in after school. Please do visit if you have not had the opportunity to see it in action.

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'Be the best you can be'

Our community links strengthen each year and we look forward to further developing our plans in this coming year.

If anyone would like a tour of the school please feel free to book into one of our monthly Open Mornings - I would be delighted to meet you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Skinner." The name is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underlining the word "Skinner".

Sarah Skinner
Headteacher