



■ Castle Community College staff celebrate their Ofsted report

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Inspectors full of praise for outstanding college

IT'S top marks all round at Castle Community College in Deal, where staff, students and governors are celebrating an excellent Ofsted report after inspectors visited the Mill Road school.

They were given an overall rating of outstanding, which is the highest grade, and head teacher Christine Chapman was delighted.

She welcomed the report and praised the staff, pupils and governors for all their hard work and commitment in improving standards.

Mrs Chapman said: "The inspectors' designation as an outstanding college truly reflects the desire on everyone's part to provide the best possible education for all students."

Castle Community College helped students to mature into "well-behaved and thoughtful young people".

Inspectors agreed the teaching was so effective that students made excellent progress in their studies and said the principal's energetic and thoughtful leadership was a key factor in the school's success.

Brilliant

They also applauded the strength of the senior leadership team, middle managers and pastoral leaders, as well as noting that the students felt confident that they were taught really well.

The report said "some of the lessons are absolutely brilliantly

compulsory vocational courses in Years 10 and 11 for contributing to the school's success.

It continued: "The curriculum is outstanding as it is relevant to students' interests and, in the light of local job opportunities, to their further training and education. Training opportunities and alternative options for those students who find academic work hard are very good."

Students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural education was described as excellent, their behaviour praised and links with foreign schools commended.

Inspectors were also pleased with the high standards of the sports and performing arts, especially the links with primary schools and clubs.