

Carmel ‘Outstanding’ in English

Staff and students at Carmel RC College in Darlington are celebrating another ‘**outstanding**’ inspection by Ofsted.

The two day visit was part of Ofsted’s programme of subject survey inspections and focused solely on the teaching of English within the College. The inspection took the form of interviews with staff and students, scrutiny and analysis of students’ work and observations of a number of lessons in the College, with the HMI inspector concluding that the Achievement, Curriculum, Leadership and Overall effectiveness of English within the College were all “Outstanding”.

The report praised the work of staff in achieving such high standards “across the age and ability range” highlighting the “interesting and thought provoking” lessons and stating that students at Carmel “feel well supported to achieve their high aspirations”.

Principal, Maura Regan, acknowledged that “this outstanding judgement confirms the commitment and dedication of staff and students. The report recognises the high achievement of the English department and praises the progress made by all students”.

There was particular praise for the outstanding progress and achievement of boys across all age groups which the inspector attributed to the “lively and relevant curriculum”.

This report comes only a year after Carmel College was rated Outstanding overall in a full Ofsted no notice inspection.