

6th July 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

An initial Estyn inspection took place in November 2016 and the report identified four recommendations for improvement.

Between the 25th and 27th June 2018, Estyn re-visited the school to evaluate the progress made against these four recommendations. Estyn concluded that across the eighteen-month period the school had made insufficient progress, but did identify that within the last three months improvements had been actioned.

However, when looking at the whole period Estyn judged that the lack of overall progress has meant that the school now has to be placed into special measures.

Dr. Paul Evans, Headteacher of Denbigh High School said: "We accept Estyn's findings and fully recognise that improvements need to be made. Some significant changes have already been introduced and they have been acknowledged by Estyn. However, we need to increase the pace of the change needed and this report provides us with a chance to drive forward our improvement plans, embed the changes recently introduced and build upon the good features within the school to secure a period of sustained growth and improvement. We would like to reassure parents and guardians that we are totally committed to the challenge and we will keep them informed of progress over the coming months".

Councillor Huw Hilditch–Roberts, Cabinet Lead Member for Education, Children, Young People and the Welsh Language, said: "We are making a firm commitment to helping the school's management team and governing body to respond positively to the findings.

"The school itself has recognised that there are challenges to be met and we make a promise today that will provide educational support and guidance to the school as they work to address the issues highlighted in the report. Responding positively to the report is crucial to making sure that we see the improvements carried out as quickly as possible, ensuring that current and future generations at Denbigh High have the best possible education experience".

A copy of the Estyn report is now available on the school website or on the Estyn website at www.estyn.gov.wales.

Yours faithfully,



Dr. R. P. Evans
Headteacher