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Estyn Inspection

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Estyn's Inspection report on Elfed High School, dated February 2015, contains two overall judgements:

- **The school's current performance is excellent**
- **The school's prospects for improvement are excellent**

The judgements are based on the standards of students' achievement, the provision and the leadership at the school.

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What the inspectors say about current performance:

The school is excellent because:

- The school's performance at key stage 4 has been well above expectations for many key indicators during the past two years
- Pupils' performance in qualifications that include English and Mathematics is outstanding
- Pupils make very good progress from previous key stages in most indicators
- More able pupils, pupils with additional learning needs and pupils eligible for free school meals achieve very well
- Pupils behave exceptionally well and have very positive attitudes to their learning
- Many pupils show resilience, set themselves appropriate targets and understand the next steps needed to improve their work
- The co-ordination of whole-school skills is outstanding and progress in developing pupils' literacy and numeracy skills is a significant strength



What the inspectors say about the school's prospects for improvement:

The school's prospects for improvement are excellent because:

- The headteacher provides highly effective strategic direction and a powerful vision to develop the school as an outstanding learning community
- Skilful leadership at all levels has resulted in exceptional performance in key stage 4 for qualifications that include English and Mathematics
- Leaders plan very successfully to meet national priorities for improving pupils' literacy and numeracy skills
- Leaders make sure that pupils do not underachieve due to social disadvantage
- There is a very strong culture of accountability at all levels
- The school's robust self-evaluation and improvement planning procedures are integrated effectively into all aspects of school life
- There is a strong culture of reflection and collaboration in sharing best practice in teaching, assessment and skills through effective professional development opportunities

'The staff and governors are very proud of the outstanding achievements of Elfed High School students. The 2015 Estyn inspection report is full of praise for the school's many strengths and we are delighted with the excellent judgements that position us among the very best schools in Wales.'

Rosemary Jones, Headteacher

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