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**St Michael's CE Middle School celebrates Good Ofsted**



*Staff and students from St Michael's CE Middle School and Wimborne Academy Trust celebrate a Good Ofsted.*

Students and staff at St Michael's CE Middle School in Wimborne are celebrating a Good Ofsted report.

And there was further reason to cheer as this was the first Ofsted inspection carried out within Wimborne Academy Trust (WAT) since it was formed three years ago.

St Michael's was judged 'Good' across the board and Ofsted praised its headteacher, Ron Jenkinson, and WAT for raising standards.

In his report, lead inspector Andrew Lovett, said: "The headteacher has led the school through a period of renewal with determination.

"Supported by his senior leadership team, he has put the necessary foundations in place, and the school is well placed for further improvement.

“The multi-academy trust and its leaders challenge school leaders robustly. They provide high quality advice to leaders and teachers to support the school’s improvement.”

Pupils were praised by Ofsted for making good progress across all year groups and for being well-behaved, polite and respectful.

The report also noted that able pupils make good progress and disadvantaged pupils are making better progress.

Inspectors said the joint work of school’s middle leaders in English and Maths with WAT’s support staff is resulting in significant improvement in standards across all year groups.

Parents, the report said, value the quality of care and opportunities available to their children at the school and pupils also benefit from a rich and broad curriculum.

Headteacher of St Michael’s, Ron Jenkinson, said: “We are absolutely thrilled that the hard work of both our staff and pupils has been officially recognised by Ofsted.

“Our next step is to continue to embed the improvements we have introduced and become an Outstanding school.”

CEO of Wimborne Academy Trust, Liz West, added: “This is a fantastic result for St Michael’s and richly deserved.

“Ofsted’s findings have shown that the support we, as a multi-academy trust, provide our schools brings not only value to leaders and teachers but also improved results.”

St Michael’s CE Middle School is one of eight first and middle schools that make up Wimborne Academy Trust. The others are: Allenbourn Middle; Emmanuel CE Middle; Colehill First; Hayeswood First; Merley First; St John’s CE First and Witchampton CE First.