

English Feedback

Miss Lambert reported that in conversation during meetings on the first day with Ms Patterson, the inspector was exclusively complimentary about the teaching and learning in the English department, and it was understandably gratifying to hear her recognise how "cohesive" the team is.

Ms Patterson explicitly stated that she had seen well-designed activities and attractive resources during lesson visits and in books. She commented on how she could see we were making it harder for our students, intimating (without any ambiguity) her satisfaction with the level of challenge and demand. She specifically said that we were "teaching to the top". She clearly noted the strength of our subject knowledge and questioning skills, both sources of pride in English.

It was also noted that there was effective sequencing and logic as well as systematic and incremental development of GCSE skills.