



Ofsted have confirmed, **Ferndown Upper School is Good in all categories with many Outstanding features**, particularly behaviour, leadership and student welfare.

This report is testament to all of the hard work that has been put in over the last few years by the school's students, teachers and staff. We know that we are a school that cares, where there is excellent behaviour and excellent progress but it is very pleasing to have Ofsted come and visit us to confirm this.

In fact it has been a dream year for the school.

Firstly, we received an excellent set of exam results as you will see below. Results have always been very close between the three upper schools in East Dorset, so for Ferndown to be top of the table for 6<sup>th</sup> Form results, as well as for English and Maths GCSE progress was a great achievement. In fact people may not be aware of this, but we regularly have successful Oxbridge applicants and 35% of our University applications are to a Russell Group University.

Secondly, our sports teams have also performed extremely well this year, with the highlights being East Dorset Badminton and Volleyball Champions, as well as our Y11 Rugby team remaining undefeated all year long.

And then to top the year off with an extremely positive Ofsted is just the perfect end. Some of the key quotes are listed below:

#### **Leadership**

- "the school leads with ambition, vision and an uncompromising drive in the pursuit of excellence"
- "pupils have high aspirations"
- "progress over time is rapid"
- "teachers have the highest expectations"

#### **Behaviour**

- "pupil behaviour is delightful"
- "pupils feel extremely safe"
- "pupils wear their uniform with pride"

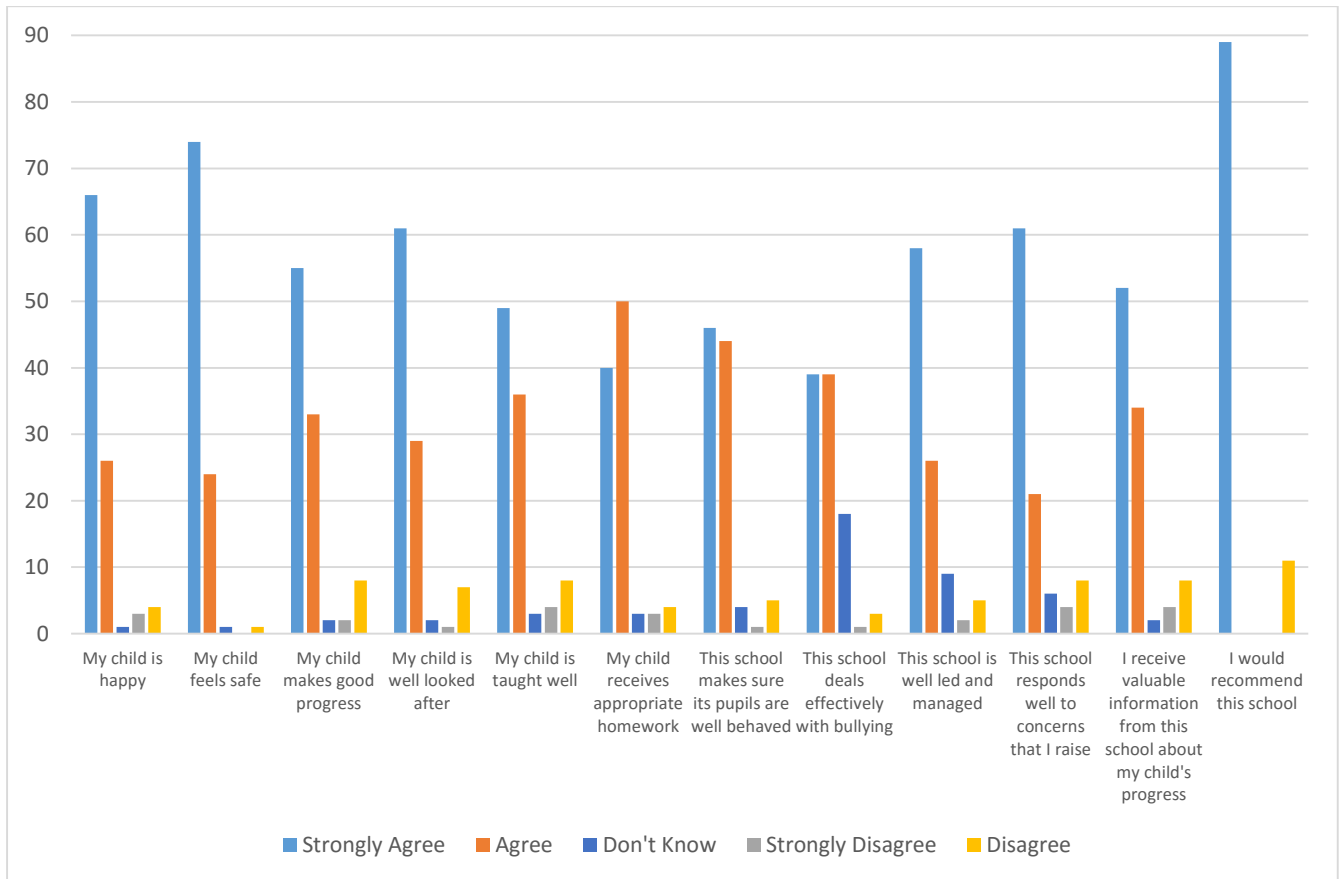
#### **Welfare**

- "there is a tangible, caring ethos around the school that is obvious to any visitor"
- "the school is a very calm, welcoming and pleasant place to learn"
- "relationships between pupils and teachers are a real strength"
- "pupils look after each other exceptionally well"

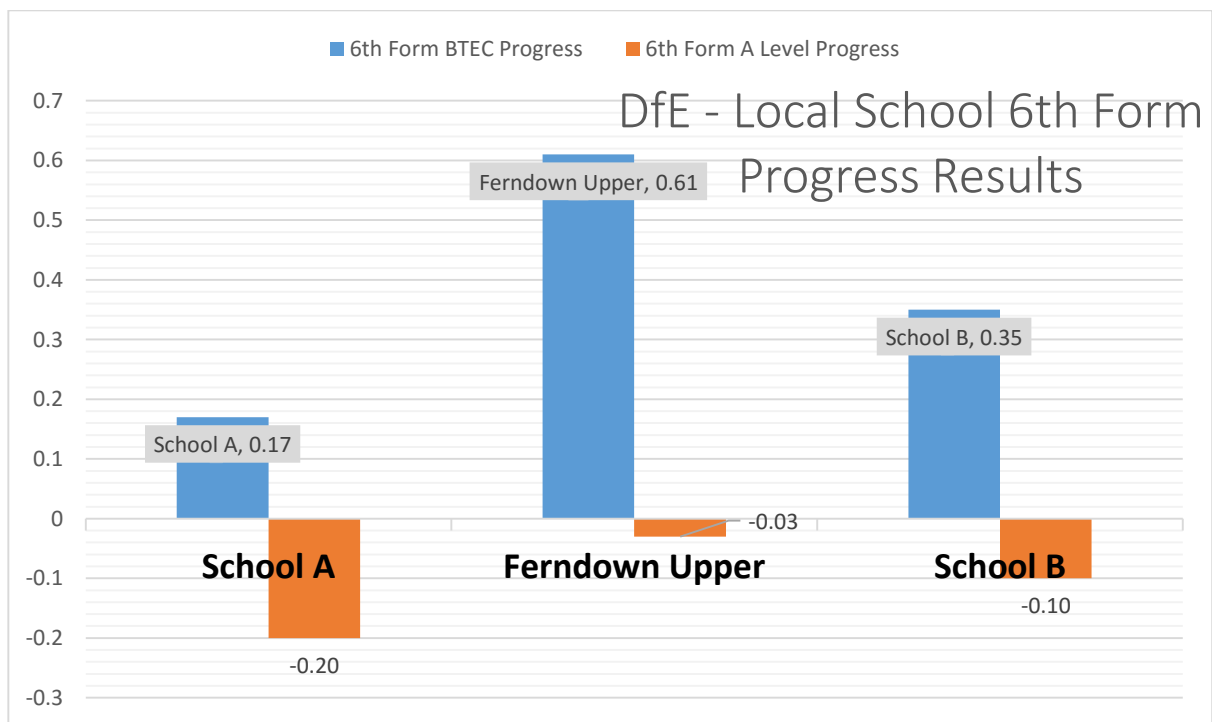
#### **Teaching and Learning**

- "pupils .. are resilient and persistent learners"
- "pupils are proud of their work and aspire to achieve"
- "pupils want to learn"
- "teachers .. engage and enthuse pupils"
- " a real thirst for learning"

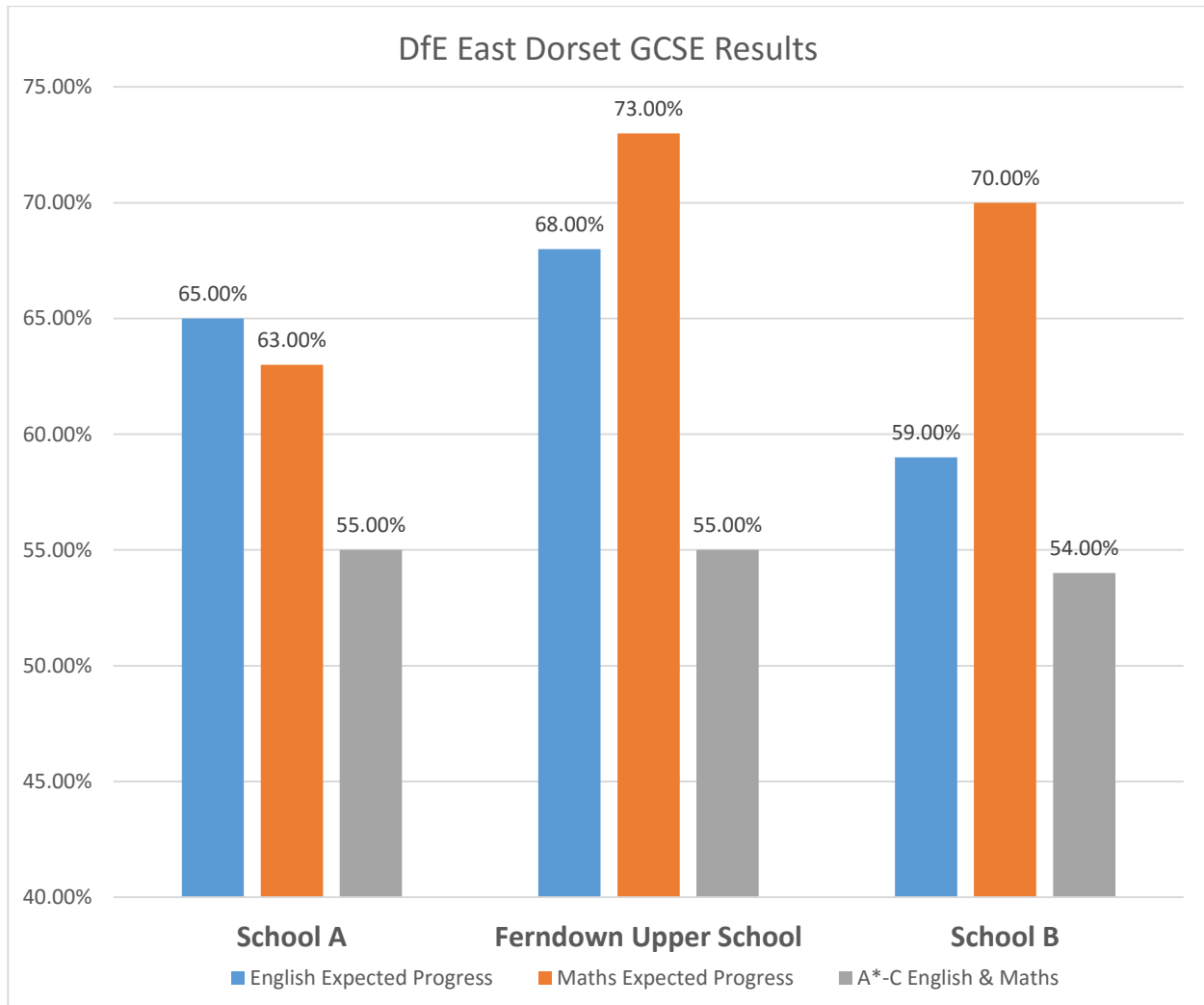
This is what parents think about us ... recommend



This is what our results show ... our 6th Form BTEC scores were the best in the whole of Dorset, along with the best A Level progress scores in East Dorset. Progress shows whether students do better than expected (a positive score), the same as expected (a score of roughly 0) or worse than expected (a negative score).



At GCSE, our English and Maths progress scores have been confirmed by the DfE to again be the best in East Dorset ...



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