

**Inspection grades: 1 is outstanding, 2 is good, 3 is satisfactory, and 4 is inadequate**

Please turn to the glossary for a description of the grades and inspection terms

## Sixth form

Leaders of the sixth form have set a vision of high expectations, aiming to be inclusive, caring and supportive in pursuit of academic excellence and effective personal development. This vision is fully realised at Guilsborough. There is a clear and robust analysis of the strengths and weaknesses in outcomes which is used to drive well-focused and targeted improvement strategies, for example in the way that actions have been taken to improve performance at AS level.

Students' academic progress is outstanding and is still improving. The school's data show that students are on track to meet their challenging targets and this is due to the well-focused attention paid by all teachers to the monitoring of their progress and to the provision of timely intervention. Attendance is good and most students go on to complete their courses successfully and gain places at university. This is due to the strong programme of information, advice and guidance offered throughout and to the additional personal support provided. Students' contribution to the school and wider community is exemplary, for example, in their involvement in the widely renowned and accredited mentoring programme which offers personal and academic support to younger students.

Teachers have good subject knowledge at a technical level and this is used well to promote progress in lessons. Students know their target grades and specifically how to improve their work to achieve them through the exemplary use of assessment criteria in lessons and in marking. Independent learning opportunities are carefully planned and structured to extend the learning further. The curriculum acknowledges the need for breadth and depth in an isolated rural school so that students are not disadvantaged by their situation, and a very wide range of courses is offered. The curriculum extends well beyond the classroom through the virtual learning environment which is used widely. Key skills courses and enrichment opportunities make a significant and increasing contribution to students' personal development which prepares them well for the next stage of their education. Students are known as individuals and this is highly appreciated. They are acutely aware that their progress will be rigorously checked and supported and that their personal development will be nurtured. As a result, students are mature and confident individuals who play an active role in the life of the school and beyond.

*These are the grades for the sixth form*

<b>Overall effectiveness of the sixth form</b>	<b>1</b>
Taking into account:	
Outcomes for students in the sixth form	1
The quality of provision in the sixth form	1
Leadership and management of the sixth form	1