

# The National Mathematics and Science College

No. 2 The Oaks, Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park, Coventry CV4 8JB

## Inspection dates

19/11/2019

## Context of the inspection

This visit took place to monitor the progress made by the school in meeting the national minimums standards for boarding schools that were deemed not met at the last full inspection.

## Summary of the progress made in implementing the action plan

Senior managers have worked hard to address the majority of shortfalls that were identified at the last full inspection. As a result, all but one of the national minimum standards are now met.

A new manager has been appointed to oversee the boarding provision. This extra managerial oversight has allowed for greater monitoring, review and development of the boarding provision. As a result, staff supervising young people outside of teaching time are now sufficient in numbers, training and experience. Staff now benefit from receiving regular review of their boarding practice, including receiving annual appraisals to review their continual professional development.

Extra precautions have been put in place to minimise the risk of members of the public having access to the boarding accommodation. Although these extra precautions have helped to increase young people's safety, the measures do not totally eliminate the risk.

Some practices of keeping staff-office doors open also have the potential to impact on fire safety precautions. Senior managers recognise the importance of sustaining a high level of monitoring while the boarding provision is being moved closer to the main school.

Improvements have been made to ensure that the administration of medication is safer. However, records are still not always accurately maintained. This means that errors in recording are not immediately picked up.

## National minimum standards

**The school must meet the following national minimum standards for boarding schools:**

- All medication is safely and securely stored and proper records are kept of its administration. Prescribed medicines are given only to the boarders to whom they are prescribed. Boarders allowed to self-medicate are assessed as sufficiently responsible to do so. (NMS 3.4)

### Recommendation

- Ensure that there is continuous monitoring of the boarding accommodation to ensure that any risks are minimised.
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## Inspection team

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## Information about this school

The college is registered as a sixth form for 200 mixed-gender students aged between 15 (Year 11) and 19.

The college offers places to international students, as well as students from the United Kingdom through a scholarship scheme. Currently, students from China, Latvia, Dubai, Russia and the United States of America attend the college.

The college offers boarding accommodation through a mix of guardianship homestay organised by Sutherland Education and its own boarding accommodation. The college has plans to further develop its own boarding facility in the future.

## School details

<b>Unique reference number</b>	143105
<b>Social care unique reference number</b>	1267134
<b>DfE registration number</b>	331 6004

This inspection was carried out under the Children Act 1989, as amended by the Care Standards Act 2000, having regard to the national minimum standards for boarding schools.

The inspection was conducted at the request of the Registration Authority for independent schools in order to monitor the progress the school has made in implementing its action plan following the previous inspection.

<b>Type of school</b>	Boarding school
<b>Number of boarders on roll</b>	36
<b>Gender of boarders</b>	Mixed
<b>Age range of boarders</b>	15 to 19
<b>Headteacher</b>	Antonia Giovanazzi
<b>Date of previous boarding inspection</b>	02 May 2018
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