

Winifred Holtby School Technology College - Officially one of the most improved schools in England

Official recognition of this fact took place on Monday 23rd February when Head teacher Steve Liddle was invited to a celebratory meal at The Royal College of Physicians, London.

The Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT) took the opportunity to recognise 587 schools from across England that have made significant improvement in Keys Stage 4 outcomes on an annual basis.

Winifred Holtby was recognised for producing annual student improvement from 2005-2008 in achieving 5+ A*-C GCSE's, including English and maths. In 2005 only 1 in 5 of the students leaving Year 11 achieved the gold standard, in 2008 this had risen to 1 in 3.

Head teacher Steve Liddle attended the event on behalf of the students, staff and the community and took the opportunity to praise the hard work and dedication of the staff who continue to provide a quality education service for the students in their care.

This accolade comes on the back of a very positive Ofsted Report received in June 2008 that praised the school for its teaching and learning, which was deemed to be good with outstanding elements. The report also went on to say the school provided among other things a good curriculum and good care guidance and support.

"As a school we are proud of our past achievements but we are not complacent and will continue to look for annual improvement. The award proves that secondary schools in Hull are improving but we cannot do this in isolation, we firmly believe in collaborating with all our partners to produce better student outcomes."

At the celebratory dinner Elizabeth Reid, Chief executive of SSAT, said;

"I would like to congratulate these specialist schools and academies for their continued success in raising GCSE results. Their efforts and achievements will mean more young people will have received good qualifications and had their opportunities widened.

If every young person is to receive a world class education then we must set world class standards that challenge every school to improve year on year."