

Dear Parents and Carers

I am pleased to attach a copy of our recent S48 Inspection Report for you to read. The inspection was carried out on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of February by two Diocesan Inspectors. They met with Senior Leaders, staff, parents, students, Directors, Governors, Mr Leverage (CSEL) and Mr Quinn (Director of School Improvement). During the two days they observed lessons, form time, Collective Worship, youth club and our Rosary Club. We welcomed them into Peter's Place and into our EMAS provision. The inspectors also observed break time and lunchtime and were able to talk to our students freely.

The school was inspected on a new framework, more closely aligned with OFSTED in its rigour and judgements. As a result, it is more difficult to attain a Good judgement in this inspection than it has been in our previous inspections. In addition, all aspects of school life are considered including pupils' behaviour and attitudes as well as the pastoral support provided to our young people.

The Inspection judgements are as follows;

**Overall Effectiveness – Good**

**Catholic Life – Good with Outstanding Leadership and Governance**

**Religious Education – Good**

**Collective Worship – Good**

I would like to draw your attention to a few of the highlights in the report, firstly regarding the mission of the school. The inspectors noted that we are “the only school in the area that has an explicit mission to support the most needy and vulnerable”. They found from staff that “pupils show kindness to one another because of the very fact that the school is a community of faith.” Students talked “positively about their experiences, demonstrating their awareness of other's needs.

Leadership of the school is described across the report as “inspirational, transformational and outstanding.” The school is described as having a sense of calmness and note is taken of the reduced number of behaviour incidents. “Pastoral care is a real strength” and our most recent change in terms of the introduction of a Return to Learn room which promotes inclusion for our most vulnerable pupils is having a “positive impact”. In terms of this staff felt that our Catholic designation was “at the core of the school's pastoral work”

In terms of our governance their contribution is described as “outstanding” as they support and challenge me and the other Senior leaders on all areas of our work as a Catholic school effectively, enabling progress.

In conclusion I must say how proud I am of our community as we showed ourselves as we are on a daily basis, living the Gospel values by taking care of one another to enable our young people to become the best versions of themselves.

We welcome all points raised in our inspection including those which will allow us to be recognised as outstanding in our next inspection. Plans are already in place to address the issues identified.

Many thanks for your continued support

Yours sincerely



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Principal