



To Love and
Serve the Lord

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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Two weeks ago, on 1 March 2016, St Edmund's Catholic Academy was visited by HMI Rob Hackfath and Ofsted Inspector Nigel Griffiths. It was a one-day inspection under Section 8 of the Education Act 2005. This new inspection framework is considerably more rigorous than during our last inspection in 2012.

I am delighted to say that the inspection was a great success. We have retained our good judgement. The feedback letter from the Inspectors is extremely positive, highlighting the progress we have made since our previous inspection and pointing out next steps towards an Outstanding judgement in the near future.

Please read the letter and be proud, as I am, of students and staff who have worked to build such a close and hardworking learning community. The report points out many strengths within our working practices and shows great confidence in our potential for even greater success as we move forwards. If I can pick out a sentence that sums up St Edmund's, it is on page 2, halfway down:

One pupil commented that the academy community is 'strong together'.

Our strength lies in working together to ensure our young people make the best use of their skills and talents, so that they can go forward into the world, changing it for the better in the service of others. Sometimes there are challenges as skills are honed and knowledge is tested. It is the resilience of taking feedback on board to face and overcome obstacles that builds character and determination.

I will take this feedback and St Edmund's Academy will be even stronger the next time Ofsted call.

I know that St Edmund's is an exceedingly good school and I am glad that Ofsted agrees.

Yours sincerely,

Maggie Hughes
Principal



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