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Dear Parent / Carer

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I am pleased to share our final Ofsted Report which will be published within the next week following their two-day visit on the 12 and 13 March 2024.

The Report recognises that 'Corpus Christi Catholic College is a welcoming school where pupils are safe.' It also acknowledges that 'parents and pupils value the quality of pastoral care at the school.' I know you will agree that both of these key aspects are vital building blocks in the successful education of young people.

I am delighted that the inspectors quickly identified that 'Pupils develop culturally, morally and spiritually in a range of ways. The school holds culture days and regular assemblies, which give pupils the opportunity to reflect on faith.' In addition, the inspectors were impressed with the range of extra-curricular clubs that students have the opportunity to take part in as well as students having the 'opportunity to develop their leadership skills by being ... members of the school council.' We will be continuing to extend these opportunities further.

I hope you, like me, are reassured by the fact that 'Pupils with SEND, including those pupils who attend the additional resource provision, are well supported. The school has clear systems for assessing and reviewing the needs of pupils. The school draws on the expertise of a range of professional support to help meet pupils' needs.'

We have recently reviewed our curriculum and Ofsted recognised this is both 'challenging and aspirational'. They also stated that 'The new curriculum clearly identifies the core knowledge that pupils should learn over time' and that 'All pupils, including pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), benefit from studying a broad curriculum'. However, the implementation of the curriculum, along with teaching and learning, is something we are continuing to develop and improve for all learners as a priority.

Although Ofsted recognised that 'The school has a clear Behaviour Policy,' and that 'Pupils understand this Policy and think that it is fair,' this is also an area we are continuing to improve. Recent changes have further improved our Behaviour Policy and I look forward to writing to you before the end of this academic year with further enhancements that will put Positive Discipline at the heart of behaviour at Corpus.

Our main priority for improvement is Attendance. Ofsted stated that 'some pupils ... do not attend school regularly enough.' Ofsted stated that 'Leaders have recently introduced more robust systems for tracking attendance. This is helping to inform the strategies the school uses to improve attendance.' However, this is something that I need your continued support with. If your child is not at school, they will not make the progress required to compete with others.

Ofsted recognised that the Leadership of the College has the capacity to bring about further improvement despite it being only 'recently that the school has operated with a full senior leadership team. This has helped to bring recent improvements to the school that need embedding.' They also recognised that both 'Trustees and governors are skilled and experienced. They have an accurate view of the school's strengths and areas to develop.'

Whilst the overall judgement of 'Requires Improvement' is disappointing, I am pleased Ofsted recognised the strengths of Corpus, the ambition of the improvements we are striving to make and the green shoots of success, many of which are still in their infancy. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and I look forward to continuing to work, learn, pray and grow in partnership with you all in ensuring that Corpus continues on its rapid improvement journey.

Yours sincerely,

James O'Doherty
Principal