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Dear Parents and Carers

## RE: Ofsted Inspection Report

I hope you and your families are well.

I am delighted to be able to share with you the Ofsted Report, from our inspection on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Many parents and carers will know that the current Ofsted framework, named the Education Inspection Framework (EIF) and introduced from September 2019, is a very challenging framework. Ofsted have significantly raised the bar in all judgement areas and, because of this, fewer schools across the country are now achieving the highest judgement of 'Outstanding'.

Despite this, I am thrilled to share that **St Mary's was judged 'Outstanding' for overall effectiveness**. We were also judged **'Outstanding' for all five sub-judgement areas**: Quality of Education; Behaviour and Attitudes; Personal Development; Leadership and Management; and Sixth Form provision.

This is a tremendous achievement for everyone in our school community and is testament to our incredible students and our very dedicated teaching and support staff team. It is wonderful to see so much strong practice being recognised, in all areas of school life. This includes exceptional practice in terms of the behaviour climate, academic achievement, the curriculum, teaching and learning, pastoral care and safeguarding, provision for SEND students, Sixth Form, personal development, leadership and the wider life of the school.

Most importantly, it was fantastic to see the inspection team clearly recognise the very warm and nurturing ethos in the school, with our Christian values at the heart of this ethos, and the ambition, care and support that we embed for every child, in a happy and safe school community.

A huge well done to our students and staff team for this superb achievement and thank you to parents and carers for all of your continued support.

The report will be uploaded onto the Ofsted website in about a week's time. However, of course, parents and carers of St Mary's get to see the report before everyone else.

I hope you enjoy reading it.

Very best wishes,

Miss Patterson  
Headteacher

