



St Mary's Catholic School

Shining together in faith, joy and love



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Dear Parents and Carers

RE: Catholic School Inspection Report

I hope you and your families are well.

I am delighted to be able to share with you the Catholic School Inspection (CSI) Report, from our inspection on the 25th and 26th January 2024.

As with Ofsted, the Catholic School Inspection framework is now much more challenging than the previous Diocesan Inspection process. It is now a national framework for all Catholic Schools and is very robust; therefore, fewer schools across the country are achieving the highest judgement of 'Outstanding'.

Despite this, I am delighted to share that **St Mary's was judged 'Outstanding' for overall effectiveness**. We were also judged **'Outstanding' for all sub-judgement areas: Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship**.

This is a tremendous achievement for everyone in our school community and is testament to our wonderful students and our very dedicated teaching and support staff team. It is fantastic to see so much strong practice being recognised. In summary, the report describes a vibrant Catholic/Christian ethos at St Mary's, where every student is cherished and supported in making the most of their God-given gifts and talents. It highlights the inclusive nature of our school, with students of all faiths and those students of no faith, also being supported exceptionally well on their spiritual journey. It describes pastoral care being second to none and the gospel values being lived out every day by all students and the staff team. It highlights exceptional standards in all areas of RE provision, and an outstanding and varied prayer life with high levels of student engagement.

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.

I hope you enjoy reading the report.

May I wish all students, parents and carers a wonderful half-term break next week.

Very best wishes,

Miss Patterson
Headteacher

