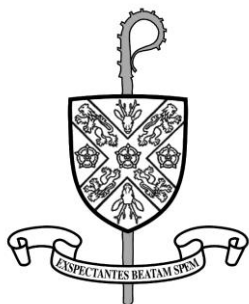


# Diocese of Middlesbrough



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Dear Steph,

### **St Peter's Catholic College Diocesan Monitoring Visit – 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

Thank you for the warm welcome you, your staff and the pupils gave me when I visited St Peter's. I would also like to thank you for providing the requested information in a timely manner prior to the inspection and for the detailed documentation provided during my visit.

The purpose of the visit was to assess the progress made against the points for development highlighted in your last diocesan inspection, which took place in March 2020. Your self-evaluation documentation shows a thorough awareness of these points and recognises the significant changes that have taken place within the school since 2020. There is strong evidence of the importance placed on the evaluation process when monitoring the improvements made at the school over the past two years.

The leadership and management of the school is strong, with all leaders being able to articulate the improvement priorities for the school in a coherent manner - this prompts effective evaluation. Additionally, the Head of RE knows his department well and is aware of what needs to be done to ensure the best for the pupils. His reflective approach towards the department ensures continued improvement.

Assessment and evaluation strategies play a key role in the work of the department. Through clear-sighted departmental leadership, real progress has been made surrounding assessment processes. Diagnostic data analysis and appropriate assessment activities were evident, both in the classroom and in documentation made available to me. Assessment is consistent across both key stages and it is clear that teachers have secure strategies for helping pupils make progress.

Curriculum intent is clear and was evidenced during lesson observations. Teaching is skillfully adapted to suit all learners in the classroom, which results in strong lesson outcomes. The head of department demonstrates good partnership working in his work alongside other trust schools to

develop a universal curriculum plan for RE; with ideas and resources being developed and shared.

The school's judgements on Catholic Life and Mission and Collective Worship are broadly accurate, with the school demonstrating extensive and effective provision through a structured and consistent evidence base. The work of the lay chaplain, who plays a central role in the Catholic life of the school and the quality of the collective worship, has ensured strong progress in areas found to be lacking during the previous inspection. The lay chaplain rightly sees the involvement of pupils leading on collective worship as the next step forward in the school's development of collective worship provision. Retreats are planned for this year with all year groups but have not yet taken place – this was an area for development identified during the inspection in 2020. Implementation has been hampered by the pandemic.

Pastoral care is strong, with channels of support through staff cited by pupils as a positive. As a consequence, behavior is much improved, with the pastoral and safeguarding teams held in high regard by the pupils.

Interviews with staff evidenced the improvements in the provision of the Catholic induction programme, with numerous staff commenting on the high standard of the CPD on offer. This was identified as an area of weakness in the last inspection.

In conclusion, internal evaluations appear to be broadly accurate in all three key areas and, whilst I am unable to fully endorse your judgements, I feel there are some very strong elements in your provision.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your hospitality.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end of the word "Taylor".

Mark Taylor  
Diocesan Catholic Schools Inspector