

4th July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Outcome of Recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate [CSI] Inspection

It is with great pleasure that I share the outcomes of our recent CSI inspection on Thursday 12th and Friday 13th June.

It is testament to the confidence and strength of the St Anne's community that St Annes's RC Voluntary Academy **has been judged to be a 'Good' Catholic school with 'Outstanding' features**. This inspection builds upon and complements the 'Good' Ofsted judgement that we achieved a few years ago. In essence, we achieved the 'double'. Being awarded back-to-back 'Good' judgements is quite simply phenomenal and a tremendous achievement and reflects the fact that St Anne's has been transformed over the past few years.

Phrases used in the report such as *'welcoming, safe and inclusive community'*, or *'exceptionally calm purposefully learning environment'* really does showcase our great children and staff. The community of St Anne's deserves this recognition.

- Our *students* are great. Their behaviour, maturity and conduct during the inspection was really good. The report said that student's behaviour was *"exemplary"* and they *"embrace opportunities for leadership roles"*. Long may this continue!
- My *staff*. Leaders, teachers and support staff are dedicated, highly professional and go the extra-mile to serve the children here. Their commitment to the children is strong and they should be commended for their work. A special mention should go to Mr Regan and the RE team who were at the forefront of this inspection. The report said, *"Staff at St Anne's fully embrace the Catholic mission"*. This bodes well for the future.
- The *RE team*. Led by Mr Regan, have worked incredibly hard over the past few years to ensure that Catholicity is at the centre of St Anne's.
- The *parents* are overwhelmingly supportive. A school cannot be successful without this support. It's a real team effort. The confidence in the community is reflected in the increased number of parents who want to send their children here. However, we do not take this support for granted.

- The *governors* are a strength of the school. They are volunteers and they work really hard behind the scenes to ensure that your child gets the best possible education. The report said that governors take their responsibilities as “*guardians of the Catholic mission seriously*”. A special mention for Mr Sean Thorpe, Chair of Governors, is warranted. A true servant Catholic leader. It was under his stewardship that St Anne’s has been transformed over the past few years!

This is a time to celebrate, but it is also a time to reflect. Our vision is to become an ‘Outstanding’ Catholic school, and this is another important milestone towards that.

Finally, it is an absolute pleasure to lead such a united, strong and caring community. Let us all celebrate this external recognition and another step towards becoming ‘Outstanding’.

Yours faithfully

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