



'Let the light of Jesus shine through in all we think and say and do.'

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I am delighted to be able to share with you our Diocesan Canonical Inspection Report which was completed March.

It is attached to this e mail and will be available from today on the school website. Please take 5 minutes to read the report.

Overall, the school is judged to be a 'Good' Catholic school. Within this, the overall judgement is broken down into 3 areas. Catholic Life; Religious Education and Collective Worship.

We are judged to have 'Good' Catholic Life; 'Good' teaching and learning within Religious Education and to have 'Outstanding' Collective Worship.

We believe the report has many highlights and reflects well the hard work and commitment of the staff – in particular Mrs Payce-Drury and, before she retired, Mrs King. Highlights within the report are the fact that it recognises that St Mary's "staff and pupils take great pride in being part of the school which has a warm, family feel"; "Behaviour for learning is outstanding" and that the school's Collective Worship "is so effective, it would be of great benefit to the St Ralph Sherwin Catholic Academy Trust for the school to act as a beacon of outstanding practice for other schools within the trust".

Previously, the school was judged 'Outstanding' overall, however, the expectations have been significantly raised for inspections from September 2018.

The target areas that the school have been given are reflective of the areas that we are working on and will be helpful for the school to help us improve.

I would like to thank all staff for their hard work and commitment to make this report possible – and all of you as parents for your continued support.

I hope you all have a lovely and restful Easter holiday.

God bless

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