

13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Diocesan Canonical Inspection, which took place in January.

The full report is attached to this email and is also available on the school website from today. I warmly encourage you to take a few minutes to read it, as it truly celebrates the strength, faith, and dedication of our whole school community.

I am immensely proud to inform you that our school has been judged to be an **Outstanding Catholic School**.

The inspection evaluated three key areas: Catholic Life, Religious Education, and Collective Worship. I am thrilled to share that we have been judged:

- **Outstanding in Catholic Life**
- **Outstanding in Religious Education (teaching and learning)**
- **Outstanding in Collective Worship**

The report highlights the exceptional practice embedded across our school and recognises the deep commitment of our entire community. Inspectors noted that:

- Leaders provide inspirational Catholic leadership, shaping a school community unmistakably rooted in the teachings and values of the Catholic faith.
- The Religious Education Directory has been expertly planned and embedded, creating a culture in which pupils are challenged, nurtured, and empowered to become confident missionary disciples.
- Teachers and our lay chaplain demonstrate a strong commitment to the Catholic life and mission of the school, acting as faithful witnesses to the Gospel and enabling pupils to grow in faith, knowledge, and responsible citizenship.
- Pupils are happy, confident, and exemplary in their behaviour and attitudes. They embrace meaningful leadership opportunities and show remarkable independence in planning and leading prayer and liturgy.
- Teaching assistants are highly skilled and deeply committed to supporting both the pastoral and academic needs of pupils, playing a full and active role in our Catholic mission and nurturing ethos.

In our previous inspection, the school was judged to be 'Good' overall. This new judgement of 'Outstanding' reflects the significant progress we have made together and is a testament to the dedication, faith, and hard work of staff, governors, pupils, and families alike.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our staff for their unwavering commitment and to you, our parents and carers, for your continued support and partnership. This achievement belongs to our whole school community.

Yours sincerely,



Patricia Chapman  
Headteacher