



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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5th October 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted September 13th/14th September 2016 Principal's letter to Parents & Carers

What a whirlwind romance with Ofsted! Perhaps romance isn't the correct term.

You will see from the latest report that we are out of Special Measures and awarded a 'Good' in the subsequent Section 5 Inspection. But, wait for it, yet again – where it matters so much – the outcomes for our young people were judged OUTSTANDING.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Governors, staff, students, families and friends of Bishop Challoner for the support given to the school following our Inspection in May 2016. To achieve such a speedy resolution to the significant challenges the school has faced since May is something we should all celebrate.

This is a school in which we should have great pride: the manner in which it faced adversity; the humility and integrity demonstrated by those charged with addressing the threat and the outcome achieved in such a short space of time. I am delighted that the school Mrs Symons built in her time as Headteacher continues to evolve and grow and that it will continue to serve the needs of the community.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College would also like to thank Debbie James (Headteacher, Swanshurst School) and Leora Cruddas (ASCL) for their constant support at the highest levels as we prepared for Ofsted's return in September. We also thank Lorna Fitzjohn (Ofsted) for keeping her word and allowing an early re-inspection.

2016-2017 is dedicated a 'Year of Celebration' at Challoner. It is indeed fitting that, at the beginning of this academic session, we can celebrate an excellent Ofsted Inspection and look forward to a highly successful year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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