



# Our Lady Queen of Peace

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Ofsted Inspection Report (June 2025)

I am pleased to inform you that following the recent Ofsted monitoring inspection on 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025, Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College has made rapid improvements in all areas and no longer requires special measures. This significant achievement reflects the unwavering dedication, hard work and collective commitment of our staff, students, governors and the entire school community.

As you may recall, the school was placed under special measures in July 2023. Schools in this category usually receive up to five monitoring visits. However, during this second visit, inspectors recognised the significant progress made and decided to convert it into a full graded inspection.

The report highlights a number of key strengths, including:

- 'Pupils are increasingly proud of their school. They recognise and appreciate the many improvements that the school has made'.
- 'pupils behave well in lessons and around the school site. These positive changes have made the school a more enjoyable place to be.'
- 'Pupils' learning experiences have also improved considerably'
- 'Staff build supportive relationships with pupils.'
- 'Pupils take part in various clubs and activities that broaden their interests. For example, they participate in sports clubs and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award scheme.'
- 'The additional needs of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) are identified quickly. Staff are provided with relevant information to help them adapt learning to meet these pupils' needs.'
- 'The school has prioritised reading. Pupils who struggle with reading are supported well, for example through a tiered system of phonics and comprehension programmes and new online literacy programmes.'
- 'Pupils enjoy their visits to the well-resourced library where they have been instrumental in choosing books to stock.'
- 'The school has implemented effective strategies to identify and to better understand the barriers affecting pupils' attendance.'
- 'Pupils benefit from a detailed programme of personal development.'



### **In Christ We Grow**

*'As a learning community, we live out our Mission Statement striving for excellence through caring, sharing and achieving'.*

- 'A number of parents and carers who provided feedback to Ofsted during the inspection expressed positive views regarding the school's engagement with them'
- 'The interim executive board (IEB) knows the school very well. It shares the ambitions of leaders and staff to ensure the academic, social, and emotional success of pupils. '
- 'The IEB has established strong systems to evaluate the effectiveness of leaders' actions. It poses challenging questions.'
- 'Staff are overwhelmingly positive about the way in which leaders support their well-being.'
- 'Early career teachers are unanimous in feeling well supported.'

The school has created a new school improvement plan to address the four key areas for Improvement identified in the report which include:

- Further improvements to the quality of Teaching & Learning
- Further provision in the classroom for students with special educational needs
- Effective communication with parents/carers who do not fully understand the school's vision and values and rationale for change
- Further work with the families of students who do not attend school regularly

Leaders, governors and staff share a clear and ambitious vision for the school's future. There will be no complacency. While this report marks a significant milestone, it is just one step on our ongoing journey. We remain focused on driving continued, rapid improvement as we strive to achieve even higher standards and outcomes in the future.

Looking ahead, we are fully committed to building on these successes and upholding the high standards we have set. Our priority remains to provide all students with a positive, engaging and challenging learning experience. We will continue to work relentlessly to ensure every student achieves the best possible academic outcomes.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to our staff, students, parents, and the wider community for their unwavering support throughout this period. Your commitment to Our Lady Queen of Peace has been instrumental in our progress and success.

We will continue to share updates on our journey and celebrate our achievements with you. As always, we welcome your questions, feedback and continued engagement as we move forward together.

Yours sincerely



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