



Inclusion Quality Mark – Flagship School Confirmation October 2026

Following a rigorous external review, we are delighted to announce that Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic High School has been re-designated as a **Flagship School** by the **Inclusion Quality Mark**. We are delighted that the review has recognised we **“continue to move from strength to strength in terms of its superb inclusive practice”**

The final part of the review process involved a full day in school meeting staff, observing lessons, visiting students at social time and looking at the impact of the work over the last year. Some highlights from the visit:

- **“Relationships are undoubtedly a defining feature of the school.** Whether discussing behaviour, attendance, teaching and learning, safeguarding or student wellbeing, conversations consistently returned to **knowing young people well and ensuring that they feel listened to, valued and supported.”**
- **“What stands out is the extent to which staff consistently go above and beyond for the young people in their care.** ... Leaders described taking active steps to remove barriers to enrichment, including supporting attendance at after-school activities through transport arrangements and ensuring that opportunities are genuinely accessible to all.”
- **“The school's inclusive culture is also reflected in its growing focus on curriculum access and aspiration. Inclusion is not viewed solely through a pastoral or SEND lens. Instead, leaders are increasingly considering how literacy, oracy, adaptive teaching and foundational knowledge enable young people to fully participate in learning.”**
- **“Inclusion is not the responsibility of a few individuals. It is understood as everyone's role. This is reflected in the consistency of approach described by staff, the investment in professional development and the commitment to continually strengthening practice.”**
- **“Ultimately, this is a school that understands its community well and responds with both care and ambition.** Whilst leaders are rightly proud of the progress made, there remains a strong sense of reflection and continual improvement.”