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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our OFSTED inspection in June, the inspection report is now available. Please find the link to the full report below:

10346549 - Our Lady and St. Bede Catholic Academy - 141370 - Final PDF.pdf

We would like to extend our thanks to all parents, carers, pupils, and staff for their valuable contributions during the inspection. We were pleased that the inspectors recognised our strengths across all four Ofsted judgements.

Some of the areas we are particularly proud of that were highlighted in the report include:

- "Our Lady and St Bede Catholic Academy is a welcoming school."
- "Staff have high expectations of pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND). "
- "There are strong and positive relationships between staff and pupils."
- "Pupils' conduct is respectful and friendly."
- "Pupils feel happy and safe. Bullying is rare, and pupils enjoy coming to school."
- "The school has high expectations of pupils' behaviour. Pupils behave courteously towards others, and social times are orderly."
- "'Holistic development lessons support pupils' personal development well. These lessons are built upon the school's mission to develop well-rounded pupils."
- "Pupils are well prepared for life outside of school. Pupils benefit from many opportunities to experience the world of work and higher education".
- "Staff are proud to work at the school."

It was also reassuring to find that the areas for improvement identified by inspectors are in keeping with our ongoing priorities, and we are already taking steps to address them, including:

- Sustaining our rigorous approach to improving attendance for all pupils.
- Enhancing strategies to deepen and secure pupils' learning.

We remain fully committed to achieving excellence for our pupils and look forward to working in partnership with pupils, staff, and families to ensure we go from strength to strength.

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes,

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Mrs Mo Wilkinson (Headteacher)

