



6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Catholic Schools Inspectorate Inspection Report 21st - 22nd November 2024

As you are aware, our school was recently inspected under the new Catholic School Inspection Framework. I am delighted to share that our CSI Inspection report highlights our school as 'Outstanding' across all areas. This exceptional outcome is a testament to the dedication, commitment, and hard work of our entire school community.

Below are some of the key areas that the inspectors highlighted about our school:

- Leaders at all levels bear witness to the school's mission statement which ensures that St Cecilia's is a truly authentic Catholic school.
- The exemplary quality of relationships between all members of the community has created a family atmosphere in which every person is highly valued.
- The pastoral care and well-being for all students, especially those who are most vulnerable, is of a very high standard. The St Cecilia's community is a place of inclusion and hope.
- The quality of teaching in religious education, as evidenced in lesson visits, work scrutiny and student voice, is excellent.
- The range, quality and creativity of prayer and worship opportunities ensures strong levels of engagement from students.

Further comments included:

- Moral development of students is exceptional and is woven into curriculum areas.
- The school's ethos is based on respect and excellent behaviour is underpinned by a strong sense of reconciliation.
- St Cecilia's is an authentic Catholic community rooted in the belief all children are created equally and in the dignity of the individual.
- Behaviour in lessons is exemplary, attitudes to learning strong and routines are well established.
- The subject leader has a clear vision for the department, and he is to be commended for his determination in ensuring religious education is the core of the core.
- This is a school founded on high quality prayer that places Christ at the centre of whatever they do.

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You can read the full report which is attached to this letter.

This report is a tremendous achievement for St Cecilia's, and it is something we can all take great pride in.

My heartfelt thanks go to everyone in our school community who works together to make St Cecilia's such a unique and special place, as clearly highlighted in the report.

Yours sincerely

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