



ST MARY'S

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL LEYLAND

Dear Parents and Carers.

July 2025

I am delighted to announce that following our recent visit from Ofsted, St Mary's continues to be a good school. This judgement was reached following a 2-day inspection on 10 & 11 June, conducted by Ofsted Inspectors Timothy Gartside and Katy Robinson.

The report makes clear that the school has continued to thrive since it was last inspected in January 2020. The outcome of the inspection is testament to the hard work and dedication of our excellent staff body who work hard every day to provide the best possible educational experience for your child. Equally important is the support you offer school by working in partnership with us, it means a lot to know we work effectively together for everyone's benefit. Thanks also to those who completed the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire. Most importantly, however, is the contribution of all pupils on a daily basis to ensure they have a school which they can be proud of. We are certainly very proud of them!

The full report will be available via both the school and Ofsted websites very soon, but extracts from the report include comments such as:

- *'The school is ambitious for its pupils'*
- *'Pupils are proud to be part of this inclusive school'*
- *'Staff foster strong relationships with pupils'*
- *'[Pupils] enjoy coming to school because they appreciate being part of a close-knit and friendly community'*
- *'Pupils feel safe when they are in school'*
- *'In lessons, pupils listen respectfully to their teachers and to each other'*
- *'Pupils dress smartly, maintaining the high standards of uniform required by the school'*
- *'Pupils benefit from an extensive range of enrichment opportunities that develop their skills and self-confidence'*
- *'The school's curriculum is broad and ambitious'*
- *'Teachers are knowledgeable about their subjects'*
- *'The school identifies pupils with SEND accurately Overall, pupils with SEND achieve well'*
- *'Ensuring that pupils are fluent readers is a priority.... As a result, most pupils become fluent and confident readers over time'*
- *'The programme to support pupils' personal development is well designed'*
- *'leaders [and] governors have played a significant role in ensuring that the school has sustained its performance since the last inspection'*

On behalf of the staff and governors, I'd like to thank you for your continued support of all we do here at St Mary's. As ever, it is very much appreciated.

Mr P Thompson

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