

Church of England Grammar School and Sixth Form

Head Teacher: Mr M L Bradshaw BA (Hons) NPQH

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Dear Parent/Carer

As I am sure you are aware the school was inspected under the SIAMS framework on 8th & 9th February. The principal objective of SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child or young person. This is evaluated through four core questions:

- How well does the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meet the needs of all learners?
- What is the impact of collective worship on the school community?
- How effective is the Religious Education?
- How effective are the leadership and management of the school as a Church school?

I am delighted to report that the Inspection Report has now been published and that the school has been judged 'Outstanding' in all four areas.

The Inspector, Canon Steven Harvey, made a number of very positive comments regarding the school and the students; these included:

- 'The school's distinctive Christian character has a very significant impact on the daily lives and achievements of students
- There is clear evidence of 'mutual care and support which students and staff show each other'
- 'the school's Christian ethos creates an environment in which students are challenged and supported to be the best they can be'
- 'collective worship in this church school is distinctive, inclusive and inspirational'
- 'Students are inspired by RE and learn well...subject leadership is highly effective'
- 'the school's commitment to caring and compassionate service has a demonstrably positive effect on students' academic achievement, on their behaviour, relationships and attitudes, and on their personal development'
- 'Parents...particularly value the 'superb pastoral care' given to their children and often to them and their wider families'

I would like to put on record, once again, my thanks and admiration for the way in which our students conduct themselves and interact with others, both within and outside of the classroom; they always strive to give of their best and it is very pleasing indeed to see this recognised by an external inspection once again.

I would also like to thank the Governors and staff of the school, both teaching and non-teaching, for their continued hard work, dedication and professionalism. As with the students, it is so gratifying to note that this is recognised and celebrated by others outside of the school.

Finally I would like to thank yourselves as parents and carers for your continued support of the school and all that we strive to achieve together; this Report recognises, once again, that we are a caring, supportive Christian community which constantly does all that it can to achieve the very best for those within its care, academically, socially and spiritually.

The full report can be accessed via the school website under the 'Inspection Reports' tab; should you require a paper copy please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

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