

Dear Julia,

Congratulations to you, governors, leadership team and staff on this wonderful diocesan inspection report!

As someone familiar with the north Hertfordshire Catholic community, I know that St Mary's is a wonderful school where relationships are strong and people are valued. It was a delight to read of the ways in which you develop the children to become the people God created them to be – the strong emphasis on social justice and our duty to care for the poor and the marginalised. It was also lovely to read of the rich prayer life of the school, especially how you bring the pupils and their parents to celebrate the Eucharist together in school – that must be a very powerful experience for them all. It would seem that Classroom Religious Education is going from strength to strength and the pupils are empowered by the development of their religious literacy and their ability to articulate their faith. What also came through as a real strength was your partnerships with parents and with DOWAT, demonstrating how this engagement with the wider community ensures that your pupils receive the best quality of Catholic education you can offer.

As always it is the quality of leadership, the vision, clarity and inspiration of the head and her leadership team, with governors, that enables a school to move forward with such strength.

The report has now been published on the Diocesan website and is ready for you to share with parents and to publish on your own website.

I have attached a monitoring form which you may wish to complete and return to me. We want to improve the quality of what we and any reflections on the process will help us do that.

With every good wish and warmest congratulations.



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