



In all things faithful

Dear Parent/Carer

July 2023

Re: Outcome of Recent Ofsted Inspection

It is with great pleasure that I share the outcomes of our recent Ofsted Inspection on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th June 2023.

It is testament to the strength of our community that once again, St Damian's has been judged to be an **outstanding school**. 😊 Being awarded **back-to-back outstanding** judgements is quite simply phenomenal and a tremendous achievement for the whole community. Words used in the report such as 'thrive', 'honoured', 'vibrant' or 'exceptionally' really does reflect and showcase our great school.

As I said in my November 2022 letter, there is a new framework that has raised the bar and is more robust. But the St Damian's community, has again, **risen to the challenge**. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the four major stakeholders who have all played their part, not just over the 2 days of the inspection but over the past 12 years of my headship. It is an absolute pleasure to lead such a united, strong and caring community.

- The *governors* are a strength of the school. This was rightly acknowledged in the report. They are volunteers and they work **really hard behind the scenes** to ensure that your child gets the best possible education.
- The *parents* are **overwhelmingly supportive** and this was shown in the overwhelming support not only on Parent View but reflects the positivity of the questionnaires after each Parents' Evening. A school cannot be outstanding without parental support. It's a real team effort and your support is never taken for granted.
- The *staff*; leaders, teachers and support staff, are '**simply the best**'. They are dedicated, highly professional and they *all* go the **extra-mile** to serve your children. Their commitment to St Damian's is beyond reproach. May I add that the Senior Leadership's teamwork over the past few years has been immense, and I am both proud and humbled by the standard of their work. They work tirelessly to ensure that St Damian's continues to deliver a great education.
- Our *students* are simply great. **Their behaviour, maturity and conduct is exceptional**. Ofsted said '*they behave exceptionally well, they work hard and they achieve highly*'. Long may this continue!

I would also like to thank Frank McCarron, my school improvement partner, who has imparted lots of wisdom and is a **great colleague and valued friend** of St Damian's.

Finally, this outcome is **testament to the stewardship** of Mrs Elizabeth Jones MBE long tenure at St Damian's. I know that she would be really, really proud of this outcome.

My final sentiments are that it is 'business as usual' at St Damian's, let's continue the great work we are doing and who knows, in a few years **we may get the treble!** 😊 .

A genuine and massive thanks for all your support.

Regards

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