



Blessed William Howard Catholic High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Inspection Outcome Letter – 29 January 2019

Following the recent Ofsted inspection of Blessed William Howard Catholic High School on 29 January 2019, we are delighted to report that the inspector highlighted the rapid improvement being made at Blessed William Howard.

The school has, under the rigorous Ofsted framework, secured a judgement of being a 'Good' school.

I have pleasure in sharing with you a copy of the letter from the OFSTED Inspector Patrick Amieli. The letter confirms that the culture of the school is changing rapidly and there is a strong sense of purpose among staff and pupils at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School. We are also commended for our approach to safeguarding, which was found to be 'effective'.

The outcome of the inspection is fantastic news for the school and our community we serve. The letter reflects the hard work of students, staff, the Local Governing Body and The Painsley Catholic Academy. The report also demonstrates the impact of the support provided by parents/carers for students within our school. It is therefore extremely important that I acknowledge and thank you for your continued support.

I would like to draw your attention to some of the very pleasing quotes from the inspector's letter:

1. "You have introduced substantial changes to the behaviour policy, with a new system of rewards and sanctions."
2. "There is clear evidence that pupils make more progress and that their behaviour has improved."
3. "The school supports effectively the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils."
4. "The school has an inclusive ethos, and pupils are clear about the values that direct every aspect of the school life."
5. "The vast majority of pupils enjoy school and come across as happy, confident and considerate."
6. "The school is proactive in tackling bullying."
7. "Your focus on establishing a culture of high expectations and pursuit of academic excellence is having a positive impact on the quality of teaching and the attitudes to learning of pupils."
8. "Teaching is well structured and focused on supporting the progress of all pupils."
9. "You have established a rigorous and transparent system to monitor closely the quality of teaching."
10. (A Level) "students are making good progress. The majority of students move on to higher education and a small number to employment or training."



11. "You have made the improvement of behaviour one of your key priorities to improve standards. You have introduced a new system of rewards and sanctions which sets high expectations for pupils and clear guidelines for staff. As a result, behaviour is improving."
12. "The new systems to improve attendance are having a positive effect on reducing the rate of absences."

Whilst the report is extremely positive, myself and colleagues intend to take every opportunity to reflect on the findings, embed new strategies, and keep improving the culture at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School.

We now continue on our journey and pursuit of outstanding standards across the school. We look forward to welcoming our two new Vice Principals who will add additional senior leadership capacity and will, together with the other senior leaders, strengthen the changes we have made recently to improve outcomes and progress for all students.

I will continue to work relentlessly to improve consistently high standards and to reinforce the new strategies that have been put into place to ensure that positive attitudes develop further. We have also reviewed our approach to homework with Year 7 and 8 not receiving homework over half term.

In conclusion, I am immensely proud of the inspection outcome and all involved in the exciting journey to outstanding status; the strength we draw from our Catholic faith, our shared Catholic values and the efforts of everyone who contributes every day to high quality educational provision here at Blessed William Howard Catholic High School. I look forward to working with you, listening to your views, and celebrating the many achievements of your children to secure the very best education for your child.

I hope that you find the inspection outcome letter informative. However, if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to make contact with the school either by telephone or by email at sma@bwh.staffs.sch.uk.

God bless

Mr K Brown
Principal