



CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parents/Carers

Ofsted Inspection

Following our recent inspection, I have now received the final report which is available on our website. I would like to thank all the parents, pupils and staff who took time to complete their questionnaires, which were overwhelmingly positive and supportive of our school.

Our Ofsted visit took place just two weeks into the new academic year, and less than two years since our last inspection. My greatest frustration was that the early visit meant our strong results from the summer were not validated until the week after the inspection. Parents are strongly advised to look at the recently released Performance Tables which show our Progress 8 result for 2017 ([click here for Performance Tables](#)). This represents our pupils' relative progress across their best eight subjects including English, Mathematics, Science and Humanities, and compared extremely favourably with schools across the Archdiocese. We were delighted with these results, which placed us fifth out of 18 secondary schools in Sefton.

I would like to assure all parents that we will be relentless in our efforts to address the four areas outlined by Ofsted as requiring improvement:

1. Ensure that systems to monitor and improve teaching and learning are consistently effective, including in the Sixth Form

Despite many teachers consistently delivering high-standard teaching and learning, we will be more rigorous in reviewing and implementing our monitoring systems throughout the school, including the Sixth Form. However, I will not compromise my principles by removing students from our Sixth Form in order to ensure a 100% pass rate every year. We will continue to support and nurture them to give them every opportunity to achieve their potential.

2. Continue to improve outcomes so that all pupils can achieve what they are capable of, especially in Mathematics; and

3. Ensure teachers challenge pupils appropriately in lessons to enable them to make good progress

Our GCSE results for 2017 show that the vast majority of our pupils made good progress. We are determined to build on this success with our current learners. I would also like to inform parents that our four recent appointments in Mathematics will ensure we deliver stronger results in this area for your children. Attainment in Mathematics at GCSE in the summer is an indication that we are moving in the right direction.

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4. Improve the attendance and reduce the persistent absenteeism of disadvantaged pupils

We fully accept that 92% attendance for our disadvantaged pupils is not good enough. Persistent absenteeism of some disadvantaged pupils is also unacceptable. We have appointed a new attendance officer and an Education Welfare Officer who will work with parents and pupils to significantly improve this area. We absolutely need your support to help improve the attendance, and consequently the life chances, of your children if they are below the 95% level.

I was incredibly frustrated that the attendance of disadvantaged pupils was the only reason why we were judged as requiring improvement for Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare, despite them acknowledging all other areas in this category were good. However, I was pleased they reported that “The school is a calm and orderly place. Pupils are polite and have positive relationships with one another and staff.”

Finally, despite the many positive comments within the report, all Governors, leaders and staff at Christ the King were disappointed by Ofsted’s judgement. I am very proud to be the headteacher of the community of Christ the King and I assure you that we will take actions to quickly address all four areas outlined above.

Yours faithfully

James Lancaster
Headteacher