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CARDINAL HEENAN
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Ofsted Report

I am delighted to be able to share with you the report following Cardinal Heenan's Ofsted inspection which took place on February 7 and 8. The report has been published on our school website ([Ofsted Inspection Report](#)) as well as on the official Ofsted website (within eight working days of the publication date).

The inspection was a fair and rigorous process. We are incredibly proud of how our students responded to the visitors, welcoming them into our school and allowing them to see what Cardinal Heenan is all about. The inspectors were highly complimentary about our young people, who were welcoming, kind and mature throughout – just as they are every day!

The inspectors have such a short time in schools, and yet we are delighted by how they were able to understand many of the core aspects of Cardinal Heenan. We are most pleased that they recognised that “this is a happy school” in which “the Catholic character and virtues have a strong influence on everything”. They commented on our “ambitious curriculum for all pupils”, our “high expectations of all pupils”, the “range of opportunities for pupils to learn beyond lessons” and the “high quality programme of careers guidance and advice”. Most importantly, we were pleased that they saw our students as “respectful”, “take pleasure in attending” and “enjoy their learning”.

So, what next? Ofsted come and go. We are pleased that they saw our school community as it is, and that we are able to celebrate the wonderful work that our students and staff do every day. We agree with the areas for development that our inspectors noticed, and have already begun work to address them. Because that is what we are here for: to make sure that our students have the very best education. One that “inspire excellence by encouraging every individual to be the person that God calls us to be, in preparation for this life and the life to come” (our mission statement).

I would like to end by taking this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support – of your child and of the school community. Cardinal Heenan is an exceptional school, filled with wonderful young people, and I am incredibly proud and humbled to be able to call myself headteacher of such a fantastic community.

Best wishes,
Mr D Kelly
Headteacher

