



All Hallows Catholic College

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Dear Parents/Carers

Denominational Inspection Report

As Principal of All Hallows I am very proud to be able to write to you about the highly successful denominational inspection that was carried out last term. I am also incredibly proud of our students, staff, governors and other stakeholders who have worked hard to secure this very positive outcome. Furthermore, I would like to thank you as parents and carers, not only for the positive and honest feedback you gave to the inspection team, but also for your ongoing support.

All Hallows was the first high school in the diocese to be inspected under the new national framework for denominational inspections. The inspection was undertaken by a team of four inspectors, over two days, and a copy of their report can be found on the College website, [here](#). Needless to say, we are delighted with the contents of the report, which recognises All Hallows as a 'welcoming and inclusive school community which bears witness to and promotes the dignity of the young person'. It also recognises us as a College that 'lives out its mission beautifully' and as a 'listening school where all voices are welcomed and heard.'

The three areas of focus for the inspection were; 'Catholic Life and Mission', 'Collective Worship', and 'Religious Education'. As you can see, the first two of these areas were judged to be 'outstanding', with Religious Education as 'good'. Under previous diocesan inspections, this would have meant an overall grade of 'outstanding'. The new national framework, however, which has been designed to be more rigorous, requires all three areas to be 'outstanding' for an overall judgement of 'outstanding'. In the verbal feedback at the end of the inspection, though, it was clear what the inspection team thought of our College, with one inspector commenting that *'the school is better now than you were at your last inspection'*.

As you would expect, much of the report focuses on our wonderful young people, and their experience of All Hallows:

- 'Students appreciate and can articulate the college's mission and values'
- 'They flourish here, enjoy college, feel safe, and know they are cared for and valued as individuals'
- 'Students embrace the many opportunities to serve those in need'
- 'The Eco Council ... are passionate advocates of their role of stewardship'
- 'The impressive Key Stage 3 chaplaincy group works closely with the lay chaplain in leadership, planning, and evaluation of this area'



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- 'Students enjoy their learning in religious education'
- 'Students at All Hallows experience a wide variety of opportunities for prayer, in tutor groups, at voluntary Mass, in assemblies, and in many other ways'
- 'Christians of other denominations speak warmly of the welcome they feel, and the sense of being at home'
- 'Students from other cultural and religious backgrounds, though a relatively small group in the college, likewise feel accepted and valued'

The report recognises that 'Staff model the mission and ethos in their behaviour and relationships', and that 'they warmly appreciate and enthusiastically contribute to the mission of the college and speak of how they feel included and enriched by it.' More importantly, 'Staff are proud to work at All Hallows Catholic College'

With regard to leadership, 'Governors are passionate about the Catholic mission of All Hallows', 'Leaders and governors are highly ambitious for the college', 'the headteacher and senior leaders lead the mission in a way that is inspiring and motivating', and 'the warm relationship between leaders and the wider team speaks of mutual respect, compassion, and empathy.'

The diocese received 333 completed parental surveys, which was a remarkable response. Your feedback showed the inspection team that 'Parents are overwhelmingly supportive of the college's mission and appreciate that its Catholic nature has deepened in recent years'.

Quite rightly, the inspectors have identified a small number of areas that we need to strengthen in order to improve further, and these are issues that we had already identified through our own self-evaluation, and we have strategies in place to address them.

Once again, we have been acknowledged as a College that we should all be proud of. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those involved with the inspection, particularly the Religious Education faculty and our Chaplaincy team. I hope you enjoy reading the report, and that you continue to take pride in your own contribution to our success.

God Bless

Tim Beesley
Principal



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