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Dear Parents,

Ofsted Update

As you know, we were visited by Ofsted on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November. We were unable to share with you the outcome until now, as the report has had to go through a robust Quality Assurance process. However, that process has now been completed and we are absolutely delighted to say that St Damian's was awarded **OUTSTANDING in ALL areas**. This is testament to a very strong community who are united in ensuring that your child achieves a first-class education.

The journey to achieve this outstanding grade has been remarkable.

- It has involved a lot of hard work, and sometimes tears, from our **pupils** who are excellent ambassadors for St Damian's
- It has involved dedication and commitment from **staff**; support staff, teachers and leaders. We have always had confidence in our staff and believe our staff are 'simply the best'
- You, as **parents**, have been incredibly supportive and loyal. This is shown in the overwhelming support shown over the years and was reflected in the *Parent View* that many of you completed. This support is never taken for granted and we would like to thank you formally for this. We hope this genuine partnership will continue to flourish over the coming years
- And of course, there are the **governors**. These are volunteers whose work 'behind the scenes' often goes unnoticed. The governors work tirelessly for the school and will continue to do so.

Having said all that, we will not become complacent. Our journey never ends as we have another 800 children who deserve a great education! St Damian's will continuously strive to ensure that our great pupils will continue to get a first-class education. In essence, we will continue to deliver great lessons, produce excellent outcomes and maintain our high standards and expectations. That is the least our great pupils deserve.

Although the report encapsulates all we do, one of our favourite parts of the report was a quote from a parent which stated *"I can't praise St Damian's enough. It is everything as a parent I could ask for in a school"*. We hope that that sentiment continues!

Finally, we want you to be as proud of this outstanding grade as we are.

Have a Holy Christmas and a happy new year.

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