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Re: Outcome of Recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate [CIS] inspection

It is with great pleasure that I share the outcomes of our recent CIS Inspection on Thursday 16th May and Friday 17th May.

It is testament to the strength of both the RE department and our catholic community that once again, St Damian's has been judged to be an **outstanding Catholic school**. 😊 The last time we were inspected, in 2016, we achieved 7/7 *outstanding* in the all categories. Despite the framework being more robust and challenging, this time we achieved 9/9 *outstanding* in all categories.

Achieving back-to-back is testament to the vision and leadership of Mrs Gerschler, Subject Leader of RE, and her fantastic team. They are ably supported by all staff, support, teachers and leaders, who fully embrace our mission and the 'St Damian's Way'.

The inspection itself was split into **three** sections. Below, I have extracted some comments from each:

1. Catholic Life and Mission

- 'Students are proud of the school's Catholic identity'
- 'The school is extraordinarily calm and purposeful'
- 'There is an energy about the school mission'
- 'The tangible sense of community'

2. Religious Education

- 'Exemplary behaviour in all observed learning'
- 'Excellent quality of work'
- 'The RE subject leader is hard working, passionate and inspirational'
- 'St Damian's has a culture of praise and celebration'

3. Collective Worship

- 'There is enthusiasm and involvement in assemblies'
- 'Staff responsible for delivery of prayer are highly skilled'
- 'There is rich provision for all'
- 'Abundant opportunities for students to help plan and deliver prayer and liturgy'

You can read the full report **here**. I hope that you are as proud of the report and its contents as I am.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to, and love for, the St Damian's community. The students, staff, parents and governors working in unison ensures that this is a special place to be. Long may it continue!

Regards

Mr Logue
Headteacher

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