



Bishop Challoner School

A Catholic independent school for girls & boys, 3–18 years
Headteacher: Mrs Paula Anderson BSc (Hons) MBA PGCE

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Dear Parents

I am delighted to be sharing with you the report of the Independent Schools Inspectorate which was published on Monday.

As you will be aware, Bishop Challoner School was inspected between the 8th to 10th November 2016 on 'Educational Quality' and 'Compliance'.

It is important to note that the school inspections within the independent sector have now changed and the current inspection framework uses different criteria and grade descriptors from previous inspection frameworks. The judgements made on this inspection are, therefore, not directly comparable to judgements made on previous inspections.

The headline judgements are now graded, 'excellent', 'good', 'sound' or 'unsatisfactory' for Educational Quality. There is no longer an 'outstanding' grade under the new system and the highest grade possible is therefore 'excellent'.

The Educational Quality inspection reports on the quality of the school's work and focuses on two key outcomes:

- a) The achievement of pupils, including academic development, and
- b) The personal development of the pupils

The Quality of Pupils' Academic and other Achievements has been graded as 'Good' and the Quality of the Pupils' Personal Development has been graded as 'Excellent'.

The three recommendations in the report are areas that the school was aware of and has been working on and indeed continuing to develop.

For the Compliance Inspection, the inspectors decide whether we comply with the raft of legislation that applies to schools (The Independent Schools Standards Regulations and the National Minimum Standards for Boarding) in eight discrete areas:

1. Quality of education provided
2. Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils
3. Welfare, health and safety of pupils
4. Suitability of staff, supply staff and proprietors
5. Premises of and accommodation at school
6. Provision of information given to parents
7. Manner in which complaints in the school are handled
8. Quality of Leadership in and management of schools



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You will be pleased to learn that Bishop Challoner has met all the Compliance standards and has no action points. Following a brief narrative in each sub-section of the report, we are informed that we have 'met the standard' in all areas. It is the highest possible achievement under this current inspection framework.

I would like to thank the parents enormously for completing the ISI questionnaire promptly and to thank those who responded so positively. I would also like to thank all of our teachers, support and administrative staff who have worked very hard for the good of the pupils at Bishop Challoner. My special thanks to the Trustees for their continued support of the school. I would like to express my thanks to the pupils for their continued commitment and dedication and for always 'daring to do their very best'. They are a credit to the school and we are immensely proud of them.

We are fully committed to guiding your son(s) or daughter(s) in their educational journey and I have been most impressed by them as excellent ambassadors and I have every confidence that they will go on to be very successful.

Yours sincerely

Paula Anderson
Headteacher