



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

1st December 2023

Dear Families,

WE ARE OFFICIALY OUTSTANDING!

I am utterly thrilled to be able to tell all of our families the outcome of our full Ofsted inspection in October. We have been judged to be outstanding in all areas which is an amazing reflection of our students, staff and, of course, our families.

Please click on the following link to read the full report: [SMC Ofsted Report 2023](#) and visit our Youtube channel to watch our celebratory video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6OR7qBW144>

It is a real privilege to be the Head of St Mary's College and to see the school go from strength to strength. I firmly believe in my heart that no child should be born unlucky, that every child should have the right to go to a great school and it is with absolute pride that I can say this is the case at our school, St Mary's College.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support; Ofsted noted how parents felt that we have really high standards and that your child achieves exceptionally well both academically, spiritually and morally.

As a Catholic school we commit ourselves deeply to developing the "whole child" and that our core purpose is rooted in the Gospel Values of Justice, Forgiveness, Love and Compassion. Never has this been seen more than when the inspectors came to our school. The final words from the inspector captured everything that I believe our school to be when he said, "The school is a sanctuary for all its pupils." I could not have put it better myself.

Furthermore, I can today reveal that we have been awarded the prestigious title of "Comprehensive School of the Year 2024 Award" by the Sunday Times and will be featured in their Parent Power supplement. This will be seen across the whole country and is yet another accolade for our world-class school. The Parent Power supplement will be in this weekend's Sunday Times newspaper.

My vision is that St Mary's continues on its outstanding journey to become the best school in the country and is recognised on a global stage. There is no question in my mind that with our students, staff and families we can achieve this. Your child is at the heart of everything we do. We are a never-ending story of excellence!

Thank you and God Bless,

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