

St John the Baptist judged as Outstanding following Catholic Schools Inspectorate Inspection

The Board of the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust would like to congratulate staff, pupils and stakeholders of St John the Baptist RC Primary School following its most recent Inspection. The Catholic Schools Inspectorate judged the school to be Outstanding overall but also highlighted key strengths at the school:

The Inspection report noted that:

- The dedicated and inspirational leadership of the headteacher...has galvanised the team into following her vision for the school.
- The calm environment, and exemplary behaviour and politeness of the children reinforces the Catholic mission.
- The pastoral care provided for children and families, particularly those who are most vulnerable.
- Child-led prayer and celebration of the word, across the whole school, is progressive and developmental.

Headteacher Lisa Campbell said of the inspection outcome;

We are delighted that the inspection team has recognised the distinctive spirit, high expectations and faith-centred ethos that lie at the heart of our school. The report captures the passion our staff bring to their vocation each day, and the joy and curiosity our pupils show as they learn and grow.

Our mission is not just words on a page – it shapes the way we teach, care, and interact as a community. We are particularly pleased that inspectors highlighted the strength of our inclusivity, dedicated pastoral support and the outstanding behaviour of our children.

It is a privilege to serve alongside such a committed team, and to work hand in hand with our families and parish in helping every child to achieve their full potential. This outcome celebrates our shared commitment to excellence in learning and the formation of young people grounded in faith, compassion and integrity.

Trust CEO Chris Foley went on to say;

It has always been clear that St. John the Baptist has a distinctive, child-centred ethos and deep sense of faith that will enrich our wider Catholic community. This inspection outcome, achieved prior to the school becoming part of our Trust, recognises the dedication, compassion, and commitment of a school that has served the most vulnerable and marginalised so well for so long.

We are delighted this school has now become part of our wider Trust community and will continue to be a beacon on what true Catholic education can look like.