

St Monica's judged as Good following OFSTED Inspection

Local Governors and the Board of the St Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Academy Trust are delighted with the inspection report for St Monica's RC High School following its most recent Inspection. OFSTED judged the school to be Good overall but also highlight key strengths at St Monica's:

The Inspection report noted that:

- Pupils' experience of school has been transformed since the last inspection. Pupils and staff value highly the positive shift in culture that has been fostered across all areas of school life.
- Pupils enjoy coming to school.
- The school's curriculum is highly ambitious for all pupils. There are high expectations for what pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND), can achieve.
- Pupils work hard and show committed attitudes to their learning. They are keen to succeed. Pupils achieve well, including in national examinations.
- The school has high expectations for pupils' behaviour that are consistently taught, reinforced, and embedded in school routines.
- Pupils say that this is a school where everyone's differences are accepted and everyone is equal.
- The school prepares pupils very well for life beyond school.
- Leaders accurately identify the school's strengths and what could be even better. Trustees and governors provide valuable support and challenge. This has helped the school to go from strength to strength.

Headteacher Emma Keenan said of the inspection outcome;

We are delighted that the Inspection team has recognised the strengths of St Monica's and the positive journey our school has been on. Inspectors highlighted the dedication of our staff and the supportive culture we have built, which ensures that every child receives a high-quality education in a nurturing environment.

The report reflects the hard work and commitment of our entire school family. Inspectors acknowledged the ambition of our curriculum, the high expectations we have for all pupils, and the strong values that underpin school life. This is a validation of the time and effort that have gone into ensuring that St Monica's provides the very best experience for its pupils. We are proud to be a Good school and will continue striving for excellence in everything we do.

Trust CEO Chris Foley went on to say;

Our Trust is immensely proud of what the staff at St Monica's have achieved. This report rightly reflects their dedication, hard work, and unwavering commitment to the children and families they serve. Inspectors recognised the strong leadership and ambition that drive the school forward, but the real credit belongs to the staff who work tirelessly every day to ensure that as many doors as possible remain open for every child.

Their commitment to providing a nurturing and aspirational environment means that pupils feel valued, supported, and encouraged to achieve their very best. St Monica's is a school at the heart of its community, and this judgement affirms that it is providing the high-quality education that its pupils deserve. The Trust is incredibly grateful to the entire school team for their relentless efforts in making a difference in the lives of so many young people.