

St Gabriel's judged as Good following Catholic Schools Inspectorate Inspection

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

The Inspection report noted that:

- St Gabriel's has created a strong culture of welcome and inclusivity for all members of the community, resulting in a sense of family, with the school's Catholic mission at its heart.
- Staff provide the highest level of care for all students, with a clear commitment to the most vulnerable. Students value all that the staff do for them, as evidenced by the high-quality relationships in the school.
- The leadership of religious education is excellent. The curriculum leader has a clear vision and leads by example. As a result, the team is committed to ensuring all students achieve well.
- Prayer and liturgy within the school is enhanced by high quality links with the local parishes.

Headteacher Simon Braithwaite said of the inspection outcome;

We are incredibly proud that the recent inspection has affirmed the vibrant Catholic life at the heart of St Gabriel's. The report reflects that our school is a place where faith shapes who we are, where each young person is nurtured, and where our Gospel values guide every aspect of school life.

The inspectors recognised the strength of our school community – a community built on love, service, and shared purpose. They praised the commitment of our staff, the faith of our pupils, and the strong, trusting relationships that exist between home, school, and parish. Our children were celebrated for the way they confidently live out their mission, acting with kindness and integrity as young people of faith.

This outcome is a wonderful endorsement of the dedication and care that defines St Gabriel's. We are grateful to our staff, families, governors, and parish partners for their continued support. Together, we will keep building a school where children flourish academically, spiritually, and personally.

Trust CEO Chris Foley went on to say;

Our Trust is immensely proud of what the staff at St Gabriel's have accomplished. This report is a powerful reflection of their dedication, faith, and deep commitment to the children and families they serve each day. Inspectors rightly recognised the strength of leadership and the clear ambition driving the school forward, but the true credit goes to the entire staff team who work tirelessly to ensure every child is known, loved, and supported to thrive.

This judgement confirms that St Gabriel's is delivering the high-quality Catholic education its children deserve, and we are deeply grateful to all those who make it such a special place to learn and grow.