Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will know, on 11th and 18th March 2019, the Diocesan Section 48 Inspectors carried out a validation of our school. I was able to provide you with a brief notice of the outcome in the last Oaklands News. Last week I received the final report which was a little delayed due to the Easter break

Section 48 judged Oaklands Catholic School and Sixth Form College to be an OUTSTANDING school.

I am pleased that the strengths of the school and the progress that we have made since our last validation have been recognised. Below I have noted just a sample of the comments to give you a flavour of the overall report.

"Students exude an authentic moral responsibility in all aspects of school life, enabled by the structures and support the school puts in place for them throughout their time at Oaklands. The effortless atmosphere of calm and caring belies the exceptional effort and commitment given by all staff."

"The headteacher and his senior team consistently model a professional and authentic approach to Catholic education, which inspires the school community to share a strong sense of purpose, vision and mission. Governors' commitment to the Catholic life of the school is exemplary. Their support and challenge has enabled the school to thrive and grow, united by the cross."

In addition to the published report, the verbal feedback from the team was especially positive and they rightly commented on the exceptional behaviour, conduct and maturity of the student community.

The inspection report will be published on our website but I have attached a copy for your information.

Thank you for your continued support; I know from the parental feedback that you share a commitment to ensuring that Oaklands is an Outstanding school in every respect.

Yours sincerely

Mr Matthew Quinn Headteacher





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