



Cardinal Langley RC High School

"The Catholic Life and Mission is Outstanding" CSI Inspection, Nov 2024

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Dear Parent / Carer

Cardinal Langley goes from Strength to Strength

I am delighted to share with you the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection and to celebrate the many strengths that inspectors recognised across our school community.

The inspection confirmed that the school has achieved the Strong Standard in Attendance & Behaviour and Personal Development & Wellbeing, alongside the high bar of Expected Standard in Achievement, Curriculum & Teaching, Inclusion, Post-16 Provision, and Leadership & Governance. This is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication of our students, staff, governors and families in creating a school community where every young person is encouraged to flourish.

The inspection team recognised the positive culture that exists throughout our school. They found that *"leaders create a calm and caring environment where positive behaviour is expected,"* and that this *"results in pupils receiving timely, caring support."* These comments reflect the values that underpin everything we do and our commitment to ensuring every child feels safe, supported and ready to learn.

We are particularly proud that inspectors recognised the breadth of opportunities available to our students, noting that they *"benefit from a wide range of personal development opportunities."* They also highlighted the strength of our inclusive ethos, commenting that *"families have confidence that their children are well understood and supported."* This endorsement of our work with students and families is especially meaningful.

The report also praises the leadership of the school, recognising that *"there is a climate of inclusion and ambition among leaders and staff."* This reflects our unwavering belief that every student deserves the highest aspirations and the very best opportunities, regardless of their starting point.

Our Sixth Form was also commended, with inspectors observing that *"relationships are highly positive between staff and students"* and that *"students benefit from a wide range of enrichment opportunities."* We are delighted that the experience of our post-16 students has been recognised in this way.

Perhaps the most pleasing comments in the report are those that describe what it is like to be a pupil at Cardinal Langley. Inspectors wrote:

"Pupils at Cardinal Langley, including sixth-form students, are proud of their school. They build positive relationships with staff and with each other. Pupils enjoy their learning and are well supported to achieve their full potential."





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They also recognised the respectful culture that our students create every day, commenting:

"At social times, they show kindness and respect in the way they speak and behave towards others."

These observations capture the essence of our school community and are a testament to the character, compassion and commitment of our students.

While we are proud of this outcome, we remain ambitious for the future. The report recognises the many strengths of our school while also providing us with valuable feedback to help us continue improving. We will build on this success with the same determination and high expectations that have brought us to this point.

I would like to thank our outstanding staff for their professionalism, care and commitment; our governors for their guidance and support; our parents and carers for the trust and encouragement you give us; and, above all, our wonderful students, whose conduct, kindness and enthusiasm impressed the inspectors throughout their visit.

This report is something our whole school community can be proud of. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure Cardinal Langley continues to be a place where every young person can thrive and achieve their full potential.

Mr A Bridson
Headteacher

