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Notre Dame educates the whole person: Head, Heart and Hands

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Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Post-Ofsted Feedback for Parents, Carers and Students

Following our Ofsted Inspection last week (4th and 5th June) I would like to write to say a formal **thank you to all parents/carers and students** for your positive contributions and ongoing support for the school, its staff and students whilst we have been on our journey of improvement across the past two and a half years and on those two days last week.

Questionnaires were responded to extremely positively by parents and students. Parent View results show that the majority of our parents strongly agreed or agreed with the statements made and we were ultimately pleased to see that you feel that your child is safe and happy at school here, is being taught well and making good progress. We were also delighted to see that 86% of respondents would recommend us to another parent.

The inspection team were extremely thorough and delved into every aspect of our school life here. They met with various members of our community: senior leaders, many of our staff, Governors and students. They conducted lesson observations and spoke with students and looked at their books in classes, conducted a book scrutiny and gathered the views of parents, staff and students via electronic surveys.

They selected 16 students at random to take part in a book scrutiny and to meet with them for a discussion about school life. The students picked were from across the whole school, of different key stages and abilities to ensure that our student body were well represented. Thank you to the parents and students involved in this for working with us so well to gather exercise books at short notice and make them available to inspectors. They felt that students demonstrated great pride in their work through the presentation of their exercise books and noted that examples of DIT, feedback and progress were evident.

Inspectors commented and commended us on our whole student body, telling us how impressed they were that students were happy, confident and proactive in seeking out inspectors to share their positive views of the school, that they enjoy school, feel safe and well supported and generally how much they love being part of the ND community. We are so proud of our students and want to thank them for being themselves, remaining calm and confident and for their articulate and mature interactions with inspectors.

Inspectors must now write up their findings which then need to be moderated by senior inspectors before they are able to write to you with a copy of the report to inform you of their judgements. We don't expect to receive this for at least 6 weeks but hope that we will be able to share it with you before we break up for the Summer Holidays.

I would like to end this letter with a final message of thanks to all of our community for your ongoing support of Notre Dame and trust in its staff to deliver a quality education to your child. We are proud to be a school that **educates the whole person; head, heart and hands** and will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do.

Yours sincerely,

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