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"Do whatever He tells you."

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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to share the wonderful news from our recent Catholic Schools Inspection. Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy has been judged Outstanding in every area – Catholic life and mission, Religious Education, and Collective Worship. The full report is attached, and it highlights how wonderful our children and whole school community are, as well as the quality of Catholic education we provide here at our school, both of which we are incredibly proud. As a Catholic school, we are inspected by two equally important authorities: Ofsted and the Catholic Schools Inspectorate. CSI is a legal requirement recognised by parliament for Catholic education and its framework has become far more demanding in recent years, so to achieve the outstanding grade is more challenging than in years gone by.

The inspectors praised our school as a place where the Catholic faith shines through everything we do. They saw how happy and respectful our children are, and how proud they are to belong to our school family. They loved hearing pupils talk about spreading the Good News and living by our motto: *"Do whatever He tells you."*

Our staff were described as deeply committed and inspiring. They work hard every day to make sure every child feels valued and supported, and that learning is exciting and meaningful. The inspectors also noticed how strong the partnership is between school and home. Your support helps our children grow in faith and learning, and we are so grateful for that.

Prayer and worship are at the heart of our school life. Children lead prayers and celebrations with confidence and joy, and parents are always welcome to join us. Together, we make Our Lady of Grace a very special place.

We are committed to building on our strengths and addressing any areas for improvement, ensuring that Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy remains a nurturing and inspiring place for our children.

Thank you for everything you do to support our school. We look forward to continuing this journey with you, helping our children to flourish in faith, hope, and love.

With every blessing,

Mrs Rathbone

Principal



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