



St Bede's

Catholic School
& Sixth Form College

Headteacher Update for our Feeder School Families: Ofsted Report

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well.

In March St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College underwent a full Ofsted inspection. The inspection was completed under the new, and more rigorous, Ofsted framework.

I'm delighted to be able to share the report with you. Our school has been judged as meeting the Expected Standard in all areas of the Ofsted framework. Lee Owston, National Director for Education, describes this standard as a **'high bar'**.

I'm very proud of our students and staff and the significant improvement journey our school has been on. I would like to thank our families and wider community for their support, particularly our primary feeder schools with whom we work so closely.

Key findings from the report:

'Pupils are safe, happy and cared for at this nurturing school'.

At the heart of our work here at St. Bede's is our Catholic mission: we are here to love every student and to help them become the person God is calling them to be. The inspection team highlight in their report: 'Staff encourage pupils to be 'the best version of themselves... Pupils attend a school that promotes love and kindness in all aspects of its work.'

'Pupils make successful progress through a well-designed curriculum.'

Our staff believe each and every student is capable and has academic potential. Our expert teachers deliver 'effective lessons' and 'teach the curriculum well' meaning students 'enjoy their lessons' and 'achieve high standards in their learning'.

'Pupils receive a high-quality careers education.'



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Our careers, personal development and wellbeing curriculum is recognised as a ‘strength of the school’ ensuring all our students in Years 7-13 ‘develop a secure pathway to ambitious next steps’.

‘The Sixth-Form has a tight-knit family ethos’.

We offer students high quality learning with an ‘ambitious programme of study’ in our Sixth-Form. We have established an inclusive and loving atmosphere that means our students feel a strong sense of ‘belonging and pride’ in our school community.

‘Pupils who face barriers to learning are central to the school’s work.’

As a Catholic school we are rooted in our mission to serving the most vulnerable in our school family, this includes any student whose context means they face potential barriers to their learning. Our inclusive approach means teachers ‘tailor learning in the classroom’ and ‘[vulnerable] pupils achieve as well as their peers nationally.’

‘Leaders strive to act in the best interests of all pupils and the community they serve.’

Inspectors recognised that our school has been on an improvement journey and there has been ‘significant’ improvement since the last inspection.

Transition:

Support for Year 6 students moving to us in September is well underway. If you are a parent/carer of a Year 6 student and have any questions or if we can help in any way please contact us on our dedicated email address: transition@stb.bwcet.com

If you are a parent/carer of a child in any other year group and are considering St Bede’s for secondary education and would like to get in touch we would love to hear from you, please contact us: [Contact us – St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College, Lanchester](#)

Full report:

To read our full Ofsted report please follow this link to our website: [Inspection Reports – St Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College, Lanchester](#)