



BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Ref MCE/OFSTED/T1

24th June 2016

Dear Parent / Carer

You will undoubtedly be shocked to read the judgement from our Ofsted on 10th / 11th May 2016. Please be aware that this is due to a single issue which we were able to address immediately.

The result, however, has been to put us in Special Measures. We are now working tirelessly to have this lifted as soon as possible.

For your information, Day 1 of the Inspection was called a Section 8. It had two Inspectors. The day went exceptionally well. At the end of this inspection, because there was evidence that suggested that the school was outstanding, the Inspection was turned into a Section 5. This meant that seven Inspectors, and a Senior HMI observing the Inspectors, would return the next day.

Day Two went exceptionally well. At 1:55pm with five minutes to the conclusion of the inspection, I felt that we had a real chance of Outstanding. It was at that point, however, that the Lead Inspector came to discuss the issue of Sixth Formers not signing in and out during the day. This has been our practice for the last twenty years, it was not considered acceptable by Ofsted - although it was not identified as a concern in our 2015 Safeguarding Ofsted Inspection. As a consequence we were put in Special Measures.

Our response has been to address their concerns and we are in the process of inviting Ofsted back to re-inspect in the expectation that Special Measures will be lifted.

I would like to offer Parents / Carers the opportunity to attend meetings to clarify the situation.

These will be held as follows

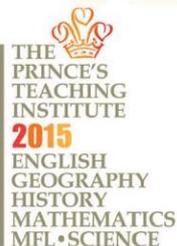
Year	Date	Time
Year 12/13	Tuesday 28 th June 2016	5.00 pm
Year 7	Tuesday 28 th June 2016	6.00 pm
Year 8	Tuesday 28 th June 2016	7.00 pm
Year 9	Wednesday 29 th June 2016	5.00 p.m.
Year 10	Wednesday 29 th June 2016	6.00 p.m.
Year 11	Wednesday 29 th June 2016	7.00 p.m.

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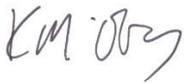
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It is impossible to express how gravely this judgement upset our staff. We are passionate about this school and the needs of the young people in our care – how many schools in the country are in Special Measures but have an Ofsted Grading of 'Outstanding' for outcomes? We work every day to fulfil our Mission Statement and our commitment to the families we serve. And it is this, our belief in our school, that has held us firm in this time of immense challenge: we are addressing the single issue, we are inviting Ofsted back, we will not rest until this challenge has been overcome. You only have to read the report to see how awesomely well the school performed over the two days, as it does every day of the year.

I look forward to seeing you at one of the Parents Briefings. This is a great school, nothing has changed, we have an issue to resolve, and we will do so and then we move on to grow and develop further the fantastic community of Bishop Challoner Catholic College.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K McEvoy', written in a cursive style.

K McEvoy
Principal