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"Pupils achieve well and enjoy their learning" - Ofsted, September 2026

Dear Christ's College Community,

We are delighted to share with you our recent Ofsted report following the inspection visit on 15th and 16th September.

During the planning call before the inspection, it was made clear to us that, under the new Ofsted framework, achieving the new '**Expected**' standard represents a "high bar". We are therefore extremely proud that Christ's met the **Expected Standard** in **Achievement**, **Leadership and Governance**, **Curriculum and Teaching**, **Inclusion**, and **Personal Development and Wellbeing**. **Safeguarding** was also judged to be **met**.

In addition to the findings within these judgements, we are particularly proud that **behaviour** in school was also recognised positively by inspectors. They said:

"Pupils' behaviour is orderly and purposeful. Leaders have embedded behaviour expectations that staff and pupils understand. They behave well in lessons and during break and lunch times."

This reflects the significant work of our staff and pupils to establish a culture of high expectations, warmth and respect.

We were pleased that our vision, 'Leading with love, learning with purpose', was clearly reflected in the report. Inspectors further noted: **"The school's vision 'leading with love' is at the heart of daily life."** They also recognised the culture that underpins our vision: **"Leaders have created a compassionate and caring school culture."**

Most importantly, they recognised pupils' success and enjoyment of learning: **"Pupils achieve well and enjoy their learning"** and **"Pupils also demonstrate their positive attitudes to learning through the quality of their written work and verbal responses."**

Our next step is to improve attendance for **some** groups of pupils, where Ofsted noted that attendance over the past four years has not been as strong as the majority of the school. This is a priority we recognise fully and, as many of you will know, we are already working hard to improve attendance and ensure that all groups of pupils attend school regularly and achieve their full potential.

The inspection also provided an opportunity to demonstrate the strength of our school community and the progress we are making together.

Inspectors said: **"Pupils are proud of their school. Staff are proud to work at this school."** They also recognised that: **"Inclusion is at the heart of Christ's College's ethos."** Furthermore, inspectors found that pupils: **"feel safe and benefit from positive relationships with each other and staff,"** and that the school provides: **"a broad and ambitious curriculum for all pupils."**

They highlighted our personal development programme, enrichment opportunities and careers provision, which they described as a **"significant strength."**

We are proud of what the report says about Christ's, but we are not complacent. Our mantra for improvement is "better in July than we were in September" and we will continue to focus relentlessly on improving the experience and outcomes of every young person in our school.

Thank you to our students, staff and families for the positive feedback you shared with inspectors, and for the part you play in making Christ's the school it is today. We hope you enjoy reading the attached report.

With best wishes,



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