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Dear Parents and Carers,

Following our recent Ofsted inspection on the 16th and 17th May 2026, I am incredibly pleased to inform you that the final report has now been officially published.

A full copy of the report is available to view on our school website at https://www.st-mary.blackpool.sch.uk/download/60/school-policies/12922/ofsted-report

As a school community, we are incredibly proud of the outcomes of this inspection. The inspectors recognised the hard work, dedication, and vibrant spirit that define St. Mary's.

We are thrilled that the inspectors noted that our students "feel safe and happy" in school and that they benefit from "positive relationships with staff". It is heartening to know that our students report that they "enjoy learning in a calm, purposeful environment". Inspectors also noted that "there is a culture of mutual respect across the school that reflects the ethos of the school" which contributes to a positive learning environment and supports students' personal and academic development.

The inspectors highlighted that our curriculum is "broad and ambitious" and that leaders have "established clear expectations for effective teaching" which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of staff across the school.

At St. Mary's, we are always striving to improve and provide the absolute best education for our young people. The inspectors identified a few areas for us to develop further, which align perfectly with our existing *Raising Achievement Plan*. One is to raise attainment and I am pleased to report that the results this summer for GCSE's have improved significantly since 2025 demonstrating that we are already on an upward trend. Our A-level results were also pleasing, particularly for our vocational subjects who achieved in the top 10% nationally. Last academic year we worked hard to strengthen the curriculum and teaching and learning and we are so pleased that these improvements are coming fruition in our examination results.

Our commitment to your children is unwavering. We will use the insights from this report to build upon our strengths and rigorously address the areas we want to develop further. Our goal is to ensure that every student who walks through our doors is challenged, supported, and given the high-quality education they deserve so that they can flourish and become the best versions of themselves.

This fantastic outcome is a true team effort. I want to say a huge thank you to our brilliant students, our hard-working staff, our governing body, the Trust and of course, you—our parents and carers. Your continued trust, support, and partnership are what make St. Mary's such a special place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Juliet Morgan
Headteacher