



Archdiocese of Birmingham

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Dear Mrs Faulkner

**RE: Section 48 Monitoring Visit**

Thank you for the welcome you, your staff and pupils gave to me when I visited the school on 18 October 2019 and for the information you provided for me during the visit.

**The following recommendation from your previous Section 48 Inspection have been met:**

- Develop a regular and robust timetable of audit and review of the Catholic life of the school that identifies strengths and areas for development.

**Progress towards meeting the following recommendation is ongoing:**

- Develop teaching strategies that offer greater challenge to pupils through differentiated higher order questioning to expand and extend pupils' thinking.

**Recommendations and actions arising from this Monitoring Visit:**

- Establish consistency in Religious Education by ensuring that pupils in all classes are challenged to make progress from the very beginning of each lesson.
- Develop work around other religions and beliefs so that pupils are clear in their understanding of what they have learnt.
- Make certain that the teaching of Religious Education is not blocked on the timetable, to fully comply with the requirements of our diocesan Bishop.

Yours sincerely

*Ben McArdle*

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