



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

11-19 Church of England Academy Founded 1699

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Dear Families

I am writing with some excellent news. As you know we had a SIAMS inspection in April with an outcome of **Outstanding**. Then, in May, we were subject to a Section 8 Ofsted Inspection. We have received confirmation of their findings, and I am absolutely delighted to tell you that Ofsted have concluded that St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls is a **Good** school and safeguarding is effective.

The inspection framework has changed considerably and become more demanding since the last inspection in 2014, given this, we are particularly pleased to have retained the Good judgement.

As this was a one day inspection within the new Ofsted framework, we will not receive a full report, instead, we have a letter from the Lead Inspector setting out the findings of the inspection team. This letter is available to read on our website, and will be published on the Ofsted website on Tuesday 19 June at <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>

The Ofsted letter highlights many areas of strengths, such as

- Focussed improvement planning with effective strategies in place to improve standards that are having a strong clear impact
- Effectiveness of leadership
- High staff morale
- Clear and effective promotion of student wellbeing
- Students have high aspirations and feel challenged
- The school has a welcoming and inclusive ethos
- Provision and outcomes in the sixth form are a strength

As well as highlighting the strengths, the inspection team have also identified two areas they would like us to focus on:

- Continue to share good practice to further improve consistency across the whole school
- Provide more clearly defined support or challenge for the disadvantaged and most able students

We will be working hard on these areas alongside the additional priorities we have identified through our self evaluation.

We are thrilled with the judgements of these two significant inspections that came in quick succession. I assure you that we will not be complacent. We will continue to work tirelessly to provide quality first teaching, and challenge each and every student to do their best and be the best that they can be, and we do this in partnership with you.

As we continue to work together, it is important that we have your feedback so that we know what we are doing well. We are very grateful to those of you who were able to complete the Parentview questionnaire during the inspection, but disappointed there were so few. If you did not have a chance to do it then, please take the time to complete it now, it remains live on the Ofsted website. We would like to encourage you to make more use of this facility to give us feedback on an ongoing basis.

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I am sure you are as delighted as we are with the outcomes of our two inspections and you will continue to put your trust and faith in us. As a school, we are ambitious and relentless in ensuring we drive forward appropriate change and provide the highest educational standards for every young person.

Please join me in thanking all the staff at St Martin's, the Governors and other stakeholders who work hard everyday to provide a safe and happy environment where students are inspired to learn, are valued and supported in their academic, social, emotional and spiritual needs.

Thank you for the part you play every day in supporting the school and enabling us to provide a 'Good' education.

Finally, I leave you with a quote from the Ofsted inspection letter: "The motto of the school, Caritate et Disciplina - with Love and Learning, is driven by all staff in a common endeavour to improve the life chances of students."

Every blessing



Beverley Stanislaus
Headteacher