

Summary Report to Parents

On 9th December 2013 the school was inspected in accordance with Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. The full report has been made available to the school and can also be accessed via both the school website and the Education section on the website of the Diocese of Salford.

OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SCHOOL IS OUTSTANDING

St Patrick's RC High School is an outstanding school offering the students a rich faith experience which permeates all aspects of school life. The inspirational leadership of the Head teacher inspires and unifies the leadership of governors and staff. Together they have dedicated themselves to the building up of a Catholic learning community which sees as its primary mission the search for '*true wisdom*' through ensuring that every pupil has the best possible education, striving for excellence at all times. The impact of the school's commitment to excellence has raised standards to an exceptionally high level. The students receive a Catholic education which demonstrates Gospel values throughout. This is clearly evidenced on entry to the school where the words *love, forgiveness, reconciliation, justice, integrity, humility and truth*, enshrine the entrance. The decor throughout the school echoes these values and comments from staff and pupils illustrate the living commitment of the community to that which is held to be of the utmost importance.

KEY STRENGTHS OF THE SCHOOL INCLUDE:

- The Catholic life of the school which is manifested as a seamless all inclusive dedication to excellence is outstanding.
- The all embracing pastoral care and student services are outstanding.
- The quality of the welcome to all, relationships, behaviour and care for those in the greatest need is outstanding.

AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT:

- Continue and further develop the outreach work with partner Catholic schools across the diocese in order to develop pupil's progress in RE with particular reference to the transition years.
- Ensure that the good independent learning, and high levels of creative teaching and learning for pupils, which is evident in much of the teaching in the RE department, is consistent across the department.
- Continue the development of SMSC across the curriculum to ensure it is fully embedded and delivered throughout all areas of learning.