

‘Outstanding’ in every category!

Following a Diocesan inspection in November, St Richard’s Catholic College is now celebrating the publication of the report which awards the school community grade one (outstanding) in all 9 categories.

The inspectors praise the school for putting the Catholic Christian faith as central to the whole education mission and for being a community where all are valued and actively encouraged and supported to develop to the full. They highlight how the staff of the college provide an excellent Catholic education that prepares pupils for further study and adult life.

Pupils are complimented on their outstanding behaviour in lessons; their exemplary fundraising; their enthusiastic involvement in the prayer life of the school whatever their faith or denomination; their excellent progress; their enjoyment of school and service to others and the quality of relationships between and amongst each other and staff.

Top grades were awarded in all categories including teaching and learning, achievements and standards, quality of the curriculum and leadership and management in RE with inspectors praising the excellent progress made by pupils as a result of outstanding teaching which engages and challenges them. The leadership and management of RE is acknowledged as outstanding as is the inclusive nature of all lessons.

Parents/carers and the parishes are praised too for working collaboratively with the school to support the pupils’ well-being and their capacity to flourish.

The following quote submitted to the inspectors by a parent sums up the whole report effectively: ‘Having St Richard’s Catholic College as your school is like having a third parent in your family, one who shares your values and supports your family’.

Miss Cronin, Principal of the college, praised all in the community and beyond who have supported the school in achieving such outstanding outcomes. She added that the college will continue to build on this success and, as advised by the inspectors, working closely with the Governors, ‘explore and develop strategies to provide and support lifelong learning’ to all our pupils once they leave St Richard’s.