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Dear Parent/ Carer

Headteacher's Update to Families: Celebrating our September 2026 Ofsted Report

I am delighted to share with you the report from our recent Ofsted inspection, which took place on 9th and 10th September 2026.

This is a moment of real pride for our whole Loreto community, and I wanted to share with you not simply the outcomes of the inspection, but what inspectors recognised about the school your children attend each day.

Ofsted judged Inclusion to be a Strong standard, with all five other areas meeting the Expected standard, which inspectors were keen to emphasise is a high bar. Safeguarding standards were also confirmed as met.

The report reflects the significant improvements made across our school since the previous inspection and, most importantly, recognises the strength of the community we are privileged to be part of.

One of the comments that gives me the greatest pride is: **"Everyone is included in the Loreto High School community."** Inspectors described this as a *"palpable ethos that runs through every element of school life."*

The report also celebrates our pupils, describing them as **"overtly proud to be part of this vibrant and lively community."** It recognises their positive relationships, their sense of belonging and the opportunities they embrace beyond the classroom.

Inspectors highlighted the improvements made to teaching and the curriculum, the care provided to pupils and the determination of staff to ensure that every child can participate fully in school life.

Perhaps one of the most moving observations was: **"Staff are fiercely proud to work here."** I see that pride and commitment every day. Our staff work extraordinarily hard for your children, and I am delighted that their dedication has been recognised so clearly. Ofsted also noted that parents and carers are advocates for Loreto and recognise how deeply our staff care for their children. Thank you for the trust you place in us and for the partnership we share.

Of course, a successful inspection is not the end of our journey. We are a school with a rich history, strong foundations and enormous ambition for the future. The report identifies areas where we can continue to strengthen our practice, and we are already focused on this work.

As Headteacher, I want Loreto to be a school where every child is **known, loved, challenged and ready**: known as an individual, loved and valued for who they are, challenged to achieve excellence and ready to embrace the opportunities that lie ahead.

We are proud of where we are, and excited about where we are going.

Above all, I hope you share our pride in your children, whose character, kindness and contribution make Loreto the community it is.

Thank you for being part of our Loreto family.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Tina Wilkinson
Headteacher