



Friday 22 November 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted Inspection of Christ's College, 6-7 November 2019

You will recall that, just over two weeks ago, Christ's College was inspected by a team from the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted). This was a routine scheduled 'Section 5' inspection, and the overall finding of the inspection was that the school continues to be one which '**Requires Improvement**'. This was also the consistent grading across all five categories inspected. Although not yet published on Ofsted's website, we are already permitted to post it on our website and you can read it in full (8 pages) at Information / Ofsted Inspections.

This inspection was according to a new (September 2019) framework for school inspections. Parents familiar with Ofsted's reports may notice that they are now briefer, and with much less focus on the school's strengths – regardless of the grading awarded. We greatly value the report's focus on areas for the school to improve. Mrs Roberts, the school's senior leaders, and I agree fully with their findings, which concur with our own evaluation. We found the inspection team (led by a Her Majesty's Inspector) to be highly skilled, deeply professional and personable in their approach. We are very grateful to them for the work undertaken, and took the opportunity to express this to them.

The inspection team took seriously the importance of understanding the unusual history of Christ's College in recent years, and were able to comment that "*The Emmanuel Schools Foundation, in charge since May 2019, is showing more genuine commitment.*" and elsewhere "*The school's new leadership team has begun to sort out many of these problems.*" Being just one term into ESF's sponsorship of Christ's College, the inspector's affirmation is encouraging.

The Trust was always clear about the magnitude of the opportunity for very rapid, necessary, improvement led by the exceptionally able staff within the school. Parents can be assured from this report that this improvement is very much underway.

Please do take the opportunity to read the report posted on our website, and do not hesitate to ask should you require clarification or have any other queries.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Principal