



Notre Dame
Catholic College

Established 1869

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Dear Parent/Carer

RECENT INSPECTION AND OTHER MATTERS

Can I start by taking this opportunity to wish you all a happy and successful New Year. The purpose of this letter is to keep you informed about matters around the college.

Section 48 Inspection – Outstanding!

In November we underwent our Section 48 Inspection. This is the inspection of the 'Catholic Life of the School'. We are pleased to inform you that we were judged outstanding in all areas, the opening comment being:-

“Notre Dame Catholic College provides outstanding Catholic Education”.

Can I take this opportunity to thank the staff, students, parents and governors for their continued hard work and commitment which is recognised in this report. To read the full report please visit <http://notredameliverpool.com/outstanding/>.

The report contains so many positives, it is well worth a read, however, we do not want to be complacent and so continue to work to improve all areas of the college.

Attendance

This continues to be an area of great concern to us and is increasingly a key measure Ofsted is using to judge schools. The national average for attendance in 2016 was 95%, yet for us we only achieved 93.2%. At first glance this may not appear too far off but I can assure you it would be judged unacceptable. To this end can I repeat our pleas:-

- Do not take holidays during term time.
- Do not keep your child off without very good reason.

Together we can reach above and beyond that target of 95%.

Prizegiving

We have moved the date of our annual Prizegiving celebration to Tuesday 28th March. This is to ensure students who are away at university can be present. As ever, this is a ticket only event.

Can I thank you for your continued support which is both welcomed and valued.

Yours sincerely

Mrs F Harrison
Executive Headteacher

