

17 January 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope and pray you and your family are well.

As you are aware, the Academy was inspected on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 January, as part of our Statutory Inspection for Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). It is a privilege to now be able to share the feedback received from our Inspector yesterday afternoon.

Please do read this letter together as a family and remind your child how proud the whole community is of their achievements. I will be in touch later this half term to share our official report and outcome.

Strengths

- St Mark's is a school that genuinely transforms the lives of staff and students.
- The vision is understood and powerfully experienced by all.
- The vision and values shape the life of the school in every way at every level (Trust, Diocese, policy, staff and students).
- The school's Christian vision is deeply understood by everyone.
- We have shaped a curriculum in a way that supports every student to flourish.
- The RE curriculum is engaging, thoughtful, challenging and inclusive. It supports all students to fulfil their God given potential.
- Love, Hope, and Trust permeates through everything we do, everyone can talk about it and the whole community are proud of it.
- Staff flourish here and are committed to vision. It's definitely a shared journey. **"Everyone is on the bus."**
- A culture that is outward facing, offering extensive support to the trust, SDBE and borough. Leaders at all levels genuinely offer support because they want to reveal the God-given potential in all humans.
- High aspirations and expectations for everyone and everything: staff, systems and working with other schools.
- Collective worship is highly valued by everyone and shapes the school day. Collective worship is a part of staff and student experience.

SIAMS inspections always note a target for RE and Chaplaincy, please see ours below.

Please can you join me in surrounding our fabulous RE team, Ms Baxendale, Mr Danquah, Ms Slusarska and Ms Cole and Chaplain, Mr Gray with love and celebration. We also thank every member of staff that was involved in the two-day inspection and for the work they do every day to transform lives.

I am so blessed to lead this community and wish you all a restful week.

Yours faithfully



Hannah Fahey
Principal