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Dear Parents and Carers

As you are aware Ofsted visited the school on 7th and 8th of December 2021. We were delighted to receive a 'Good' rating from Ofsted which recognises St John Bosco's high quality of education, behaviour and attitudes, personal development, leadership and management and sixth form provision.

We are really pleased with the outcome of this report which was published on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

You can access the report the College on the school website:

<https://www.stjohnboscoartscollege.com/newsevents/news/ofsted-report-december-2021/>

We feel that it is very important to keep you informed on the work we are doing to continue to provide a high quality of education for our young people.

As school leaders we aim to lead by example. We have already put plans in place to strengthen our provision further to ensure every St John Bosco student leaves with the necessary skills to excel academically, spiritually, morally and socially.

Extracts from the report:

- "Pupils said that they are happy and enjoy attending this school."
- "Pupils and students achieve well in different subjects because leaders and teachers hold high expectations for their learning."
- "Pupils and students take part in a wide range of clubs and activities, including choir, chess, reading, Mandarin, drama and sport."
- "Volunteering opportunities and charity work are important features of school life."
- "Pupils behave well around the school. They are respectful towards staff and one another."

The areas outlined below are part of our College Development Plan and we will monitor them carefully to ensure that progress is made to improve quality for our students.

- "In a small number of subjects, including in the 6th form, leaders have not fully identified all the key knowledge that the pupils need to learn. This weakness limits the teachers' ability to implement the planned curriculum. As a result pupils don't achieve as well as they should in these subjects. Leaders should ensure that all curriculum plans set out the essential knowledge that staff will teach pupils."

Our staff are working very hard to ensure that there is a consistent experience across all subjects in our school.

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- “Some younger pupils have gaps in their reading ability. This means these pupils do not learn as well as they should in a range of subjects. Leaders should fully implement their new reading strategy and ensure that pupils catch up quickly in their reading.”

School staff continue to work hard to ensure that any gaps in reading ability are being addressed across the curriculum and through dedicated interventions.

Our success is a team effort- the staff, students, parents and the wider community all underpin our school mission statement “...we seek to nurture the gifts, dreams and talents of all in the spirit of St John Bosco” and helps us to promote a vibrant, supportive and friendly atmosphere.

As a school we are extremely motivated to be the very best we can be. We thrive on providing the best opportunities for young people.

Teachers, Support Staff, Governors and College Trustees are all passionate about building on our success and will continue to champion first class education for the Croxteth community and surrounding areas.

We welcome any feedback you have from the report and thank you for all your continuing support and care for our students. Everyone at St John Bosco Arts College is excited about our next phase and working hard to steer us to an even brighter future.

Yours sincerely

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