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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to send you the Ofsted Inspection Report on the College which has now been released into the public domain. As you will read, it judges the College to be an 'outstanding school' whose provision is outstanding in all but one category inspected. A Diocesan source commented earlier this week that this is one of the best reports he had ever seen during his long career.

I am sure that you will be delighted by this excellent news! I feel that we have fulfilled the commitment made to you when your sons joined the College, to do our utmost to develop their God-given talents. The Staff, Governors and I continue to be grateful for the tremendous level of parental support which we enjoy, as was remarked upon by the Lead Inspector upon receipt of an unusually high number of very supportive parental questionnaires.

Our students excelled on Inspection Day. Indeed, I could only ask that their demeanour then was replicated throughout the academic year! The Inspection Report contains a letter written by the Inspectors to our students and I would be grateful if you could pass it to your sons, as the praise it contains is entirely deserved. Perhaps the most gratifying judgement made was that, "Parents, students and staff refer to the school as a 'family' and this is reflected in all aspects of school life."

I am sure that it is very gratifying to know that your sons attend a College that is officially recognised as 'outstanding.' This is a testament to all that we seek to achieve at St. Anselm's and to the excellent partnership that exists between Governors, Staff, Parents and Students. I hope that the Local Authority and Diocesan funding authorities will take note of the outstanding achievements of our 6th Form and recognise the need for capital investment in our 6th Form facilities!

This has been a taxing term for our staff and students, as no-one approaches the inspection process lightly. The Governors have, therefore, decreed that Friday, 18th April, should be a College holiday and celebration in recognition of our achievement. This will create a long weekend, as Monday, 21st April is the St. Anselm's Day holiday for boys and an INSET Day for staff. I am giving such advance notice in order to enable you to plan ahead. The Whit half-term is a long one and students will relish this deserved break.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

**R.S. Duggan,
Headmaster**