

## OFSTED CHIEF INSPECTOR HONOURS St.ANSELM'S COLLEGE AS ONE OF BEST IN ENGLAND

Mr. Simon Duggan, Headmaster of the College has been honoured by Ofsted in a celebratory event recognising outstanding schools in England.

Christine Gilbert, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Education, Children's Services and Skills, has praised St.Anselm's alongside top schools in the annual list of outstanding providers published by Ofsted.

Schools on the list provide an excellent quality of education across the full range of their work and attain high levels of student achievement across an often diverse and complex range of circumstances.

Hosting today's celebration at The Monastery, Manchester, Ofsted's Chief Inspector recognised the determination, ambition and commitment it takes to become an outstanding school.

Addressing 160 Head teachers, the Chief Inspector said, "I wholeheartedly congratulate the Head teachers, staff, governors and students of all outstanding schools on their success and hard work in delivering such an excellent standard of education. Outstanding schools have leaders of vision, courage and conviction, and the ability to create and inspire their staff, their students and the communities they serve. I hope that these outstanding schools are a beacon to others; an example of what can be achieved with aspiration and determination."

Headmaster Mr.Duggan of said afterwards "I am delighted that the students, staff and Governors have received this deserved recognition for their tremendous efforts and achievements. We are determined to ensure that we provide an outstanding education for our students, so that they have the capacity to live fulfilling lives and to be the leaders of the Catholic, Christian community in our society during the first half of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

Schools that appear on the Outstanding Providers list 2007/08 receive commemorative certificates and are authorised to use an exclusive "outstanding provider" logo. 2940 schools, colleges and social care providers in England were judged to be outstanding in the inspection cycle 2007-2008.

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### **Notes to Editors**

1. For further information on schools on the outstanding providers list, please follow the link <http://live.ofsted.gov.uk/outstandingproviders/index.cfm?fuseaction=outstanding200708>
2. For information about the Ofsted inspection policy and protocol, please follow the link [http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/School-inspection-policies-and-protocols/\(language\)/eng-GB](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/School-inspection-policies-and-protocols/(language)/eng-GB)
3. The Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (Ofsted) regulates and inspects registered childcare and children's social care, including adoption and fostering agencies, residential

schools, family centres and homes for children. It also inspects all state maintained schools, non-association independent schools, pupil referral units, further education, initial teacher education, and publicly funded adult skills and employment based training, the Children and Family Courts Advisory Service (Cafcass), and the overall level of services for children in local authority areas.

4. The Ofsted national press office can be reached on 020 7421 6574. Alternatively, please email [pressenquiries@ofsted.gov.uk](mailto:pressenquiries@ofsted.gov.uk)

5. The xxxxxxx school can be reached on xxxxxxxxxx

## **Cardinal's Visit postponed**

Unfortunately, His Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor was unable to visit the College on 20<sup>th</sup> May, owing to ill health and the need to rest prior to the enthronement of his successor Archbishop Vincent Nichols, as Archbishop of Westminster, the following day.

The Cardinal rang the Headmaster to express his regret at being unable to join our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, but expressed the hope that he would be invited to visit the College in the future. Mr. Duggan assured him of the prayers and best wishes of the entire College community.