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Dear Parents,

I am delighted to end half term by sending you a copy of our inspection report. Out of ten aspects, the school has been found to be excellent in seven - quality of learning and achievement, quality of curriculum and extra curricular, Early Years provision; contribution of teaching; spiritual, moral, social and moral education; quality of pastoral care and links with parents; and I would like to give tribute to the entire Loyola community – trustees, governors, staff, parents and boys who have contributed to a remarkable number of high accolades - including for the quality of singing the very rarely awarded "exceptional".

Inspections also are consultations and valuable and constructive advice has been received about how we can continue to develop that we shall now set up working parties to implement.

I need to mention one blip: when inspectors looked at staff files, some had documents missing that were part of the evidence trail that upon appointment statutory checks had taken place. This was partly as some had been shredded following advice that we should not keep certain confidential documents on file, and in the process we were too efficient. I take the blame for this - and I can ensure you that all safeguarding checks on the appointment of staff have been done rigorously. The knock-on effect was that three judgements are that the school is sound - governance, leadership and welfare - but I would ask you to read the paragraphs regarding these aspects carefully as they point to what arguably is the true nature of our actual overall performance in these areas. Needless to say we already have put in place robust procedures that will ensure that all personnel files are complete in future.

Obviously if you have any questions about the content of the report, please contact me after half term. In the meantime, I wish you a refreshing half term break.

Best wishes,

Peter Nicholson
25th October 2013