

St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

11-19 Church of England Academy Founded 1699 *Service Compassion Justice Perseverance*

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Galatians 6:9

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Dear Families

As we celebrate our 90th anniversary of being located in Tulse Hill, I very pleased to share with you the findings from our recent inspection on 25 and 26 April, Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS).

I am delighted that the hard work of our staff, students and community have been recognised within the SIAMS report, which states that **'the distinctiveness and effectiveness of St Martin's as a Church of England school are outstanding'.**

The report reflects that our school is built on strong Christian values and encourages all girls to be ambitious, confident, spiritual and responsible and successful leaders of the future. The report highlights include:

"Students behave well as a direct result of the development and application of the school's Christian values of service, compassion, justice and perseverance."

"Students recognise the importance of RE and the contribution it makes to their development through the school's focus on forming character with love and learning."

"Students, of all faiths and none, feel welcome and have a sense of value within the school community."

"Parents confirm that the renewed focus on collective worship has a positive difference on the life of the school and upon their daughters' outlook on life, with noticeable change for the future."

"The curriculum is rich and varied, providing opportunities for the study of a range of religions which allows students to make links between beliefs, values and practices and to compare these."

"Students are very friendly and welcoming, seeking to serve visitors ensuring a harmony between the motto 'with love and learning' and the experience of the school community."

As the oldest all girls school in the country, with a tradition of education that extends over 300 years, we celebrated our 90 years of being located in Tulse Hill at our Founders Days Service at St Martin-in-the-Fields Church in Trafalgar Square. We wanted to mark this occasion and reflect on the wisdom and bold decisions of our founders and give thanks to them for making it possible for girls to benefit from a Christian education.

We are proud that St Martin's have once again been awarded **Outstanding**, and the report (that is attached, and on our website) captures the strengths of our exceptional school and the outcomes and opportunities available that make a difference to the life chances our young people. On this special anniversary, we remain committed to focusing on our mission, 'Inspired to learn, Ambitious for the Future' with a rich tradition and excellent track record of educating successful women of the future.

I would like to thank you for being an important part of our school community, and hope to see you at a school event in the near future.

With best wishes and blessings

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