

# Ofsted Report

## Summary of Inspection Findings July 2012

Headteacher's note: The school was inspected on 3 and 4 July 2012 by a team of Ofsted inspectors (section 5 inspection). Our diocesan inspection (section 48) took place on 17 September and we have yet to receive our report. The inspection findings can be summarised as:

### St Francis Xavier is an Outstanding School



- St Francis Xavier School provides an environment where students are known well and cared for as individuals and where there is an emphasis on and expectation of high achievement.
- Staff have high aspirations for all students and their expectation is that all will succeed. Students understand this and work hard and learn very well to make sure it happens.
- Students indicate that they feel they can learn effectively and are helped to do as well as they can. Inspectors saw very rapid progress in lessons.
- Students make very rapid progress, particularly in English, maths and science, which has contributed to attainment which is well above the national average and is increasing. Good teaching, a highly effective curriculum and students' excellent attitudes leads to outstanding achievement.
- The curriculum ensures the excellent development of students' spiritual moral social and cultural understanding and enables them to develop into confident and responsible young adults as they grow through the school.
- Extra-curricular activities and the regular educational visits at home and abroad both make a strong contribution to the development of students' spiritual, moral social and cultural skills
- The school has a very calm and purposeful atmosphere where students show respect for each other. Students talk openly about how safe they feel in school and explained to inspectors that bullying linked to stereotypes is most unlikely to occur because of the way individuals are valued in school.
- The exemplary behaviour of students makes an exceptional contribution to learning and is supportive of all. Behaviour is outstanding and reflects the school's values.
- Attendance is above average and students are punctual to lessons.
- The Headteacher and leaders at all levels in the school have a common vision and ambition for the work of the school. This rightly emphasises academic achievement together with care for and value of individuals.