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City of  
**Stoke-on-Trent**

Mrs Clowes  
Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic Academy

**Children and Family Services**  
Stoke-on-Trent City Council  
Civic Centre  
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Dear Mrs Clowes,

I was so pleased to read your Ofsted inspection report published on 17<sup>th</sup> January which judged Our Lady and St Benedict Catholic Academy to be an Outstanding School.

The report highlights many strengths that have developed since the previous report. It was particularly pleasing to read about how:

- Pupils are known, loved and feel safe. The school goes out of its way to connect with pupils' families, who are met with understanding and compassion.
- The school has taken precise and swift action to improve pupils' attendance. Staff work closely with families to understand and overcome challenges that might affect school attendance.
- Pupils thrive as a result of the rapid improvements that have been made to their curriculum. Pupils develop deep knowledge in all subjects.
- The school is ambitious for all pupils, including those with SEND. This ambition is realised effectively.
- Expert staff make successful adaptations to lessons to enable all pupils to learn well.
- Expert teaching enables pupils to become fluent and confident readers.
- Pupils' behaviour is impeccable. There are harmonious relationships between pupils.
- Pupils make a meaningful and positive difference to the life of the school and the community.

It is a great achievement for you and your staff to receive such an acknowledgement of your hard work and dedication.

Please pass on our thanks to all your staff for their contribution and commitment.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Mathieson', is centered below the text. The signature is written on a light gray, dotted background.

**Delyth Mathieson**

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