



11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

## SIAMs Church Inspection outcomes

I am pleased to be able to share the final publication of our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Church Inspection that took place on Thursday 30 November. The Inspector had a very positive experience and was exceptionally positive about all the pupils, staff and parents she had the pleasure to meet.

SIAMS explores way in which each school's Christian vision drives its work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a Church school. We are delighted by the report and very proud of the key findings which are listed below:

- St Nicholas academy is a place where the deeply embedded Christian vision has transformational impact on the whole community. Leaders at all levels embody the example of St Barnabas, encouraging and empowering those in their care.
- Leaders have ensured that intentional spiritual development is woven through all aspects of school life. Collective worship has a deep and sustained impact on those who experience it at the school. This makes a profound difference to the lives of individuals across the community.
- Leaders have implemented an effective and bespoke religious education (RE) curriculum that meets the needs of all pupils, including those with special education needs and disabilities (SEND). It effectively challenges and broadens pupils' understanding of the world around them.
- Exceptionally strong partnerships, driven by the Christian vision, support pupils, staff and families, along with members of the wider community. This impacts positively on people's lives producing lasting change.
- There is a tangible culture of encouragement and dignity for all, ensuring life changing impact across the community. The strong pastoral support provided across the school community has created a culture where all are included without judgement.

The report evidences that, ***“Servant-hearted and inspirational leadership ensures the deeply embedded Christian vision drives everything that happens at St Nicholas.”*** and that ***“High aspirations for all, encourage everyone involved with St Nicholas to believe deeply that they matter. A culture of dignity is the hallmark of the school. Pupils and adults flourish here.”***



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Mrs Turner, our Collective Worship and RE Lead has worked tirelessly along with all staff to positively impact the culture. St Nicholas, really is at the very heart of the New Romney community and we are immensely proud of the links we have beyond our school building.

***“The culture of support and aspiration encourages pupils to develop and lead on work both locally and further afield...the school is exceptionally well regarded in the community.”***

I would like to thank all the pupils and parents who met the inspector and shared your views about the school so positively. Moreover, I want to thank you for your ongoing support each day to ensure that our staff can work in partnership and enable all children here to flourish, whether of Christian faith, another faith or not of faith. A copy of the report will shortly appear on the school’s website. This report is a great acknowledgement of the wonderful work that happens here each day and reminds us all that our work changes lives – what a phenomenal end to the year!

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "C Dale" with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Christopher Dale  
**Headteacher**