



From the Headmaster
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Ellesmere

A 7-18 Co-educational School

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Dear Parents,

You may recall that the College was visited by the Independent Schools' Inspectorate (ISI) during the Michaelmas Term of 2022, but the report was not released until May 2023.

ISI found the College to be non-compliant in some of the varying aspects of the standards that were not met. Most, as previously highlighted, were largely administrative, but nevertheless we take this extremely seriously: compliance with legislative requirements is vital and as a school we care passionately about getting these matters right. As a College, we take any judgment of non-compliance very seriously.

As is normal in such circumstances we were required to produce an action plan to remedy the defects identified. This action plan was developed over the summer term period and implemented accordingly. It was submitted to ISI and the Department for Education and judged compliant subject to a monitoring visit, again, as is normal in such circumstances, to ensure that the action plan was being fully implemented.

Our monitoring inspection visit took place on the 16th & 17th October 2023. The visit was a professional, robust two-day visit which gave the inspectors a greater degree of time for a fuller and more focused look at our working practices than the shorter visit experienced previously. I am pleased to say that as a result of this very thorough review, we were judged to be fully compliant. The report is now available for publication and can be found here: [ISI Inspection Report October 2023](#)

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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