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Dear parents and carers,

This morning I received notice from Ofsted that we will be receiving a visit in the coming days. The inspection will take place tomorrow, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the following day, Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

I have attached the following two documents for you to read:

1. Ofsted Letter To Parents 01.11.21
2. School Inspections – A Guide For Parents

This is a Section 5 inspection which means that our Ofsted grading could change. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the inspection team and showcasing the remarkable journey that All Saints Catholic College has been on over the past few years.

I would be very grateful if you could [click this link](#) and complete the parent survey. It is very similar to the survey we sent you before our Section 8 inspection back in October. Your responses will be looked at by the inspection team and will assist them in reaching their final grading.

I thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A O'Neill  
Headteacher

All Saints Catholic College

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