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Dear Parent

St Bernard's Catholic High School, Specialist School for the Arts and  
Applied Learning: Ofsted's interim assessment

I am pleased to provide some important information about St Bernard's Catholic High  
School, Specialist School for the Arts and Applied Learning.

As you may know, during its last inspection in November 2006, Ofsted inspectors  
judged your child's school to be good. Schools which are performing well are now  
inspected less often than other schools. This usually means that good schools are  
inspected once in five years, whilst satisfactory schools will be inspected at least  
once every three years.

Some good schools are inspected after three years; others may have their  
inspections put back. To help decide whether we can wait longer than three years  
before undertaking a full inspection of a good school, such as your child's, Her  
Majesty's Inspectors look at various sources of information, as listed below. This is  
called an 'interim assessment.'

The results of the interim assessment

In carrying out the interim assessment, we considered the following:

- pupils' academic performance
- pupils' attendance
- any visits carried out by Ofsted since the last inspection
- complaints about the school by parents or carers
- any other significant issues brought to Ofsted's attention.

I am pleased to inform you that our interim assessment shows that the school's  
performance has been sustained and that we can defer its next full inspection

As a result, the next full inspection will not take place any earlier than 1 September 2011 unless we receive information in the course of the coming year that causes us to inspect earlier.

I wish everyone involved in the school continued success in the coming year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Gilbert". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Christine Gilbert

