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Dear Ruth,

It was with pleasure that I read the report from your recent Denominational Inspection.

It is encouraging to see that under your executive leadership the school is making good progress towards improving Religious Education outcomes and sustaining the Catholicity of the school which has always been a strength at Thomas More. I particularly noted that “pupils spoke warmly of the positive changes at the school.”

I am pleased to see that results in GCSE Religious Education have improved since the last inspection, although they are still below English and Mathematics outcomes. The pupils positive response to the introduction of “Philosophy for Children” and their enjoyment of their Religious Education lessons is also pleasing.

It was good to read of how “pupils respond positively and respectfully during prayers and Collective Worship,” which are woven throughout the school day. The report makes clear that the school prioritises its liturgical life and I was pleased to read that local clergy are frequent visitors to celebrate Mass, participate in liturgies and support Religious Education.

I am sure that you have already begun to implement the changes as outlined in the report.

Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to all in the school community for helping make Thomas More a good ambassador for Catholic Education in the Diocese.

With all best wishes

Yours sincerely

Stephen Bryan  
**Interim Director of Education**

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