



THE  
**CRYPT**  
SCHOOL

*A High Performing Specialist School with  
Specialisms in Science and Languages*

1<sup>st</sup> April 2011

Dear Parents

**Academy Conversion**

I am delighted to inform you that the Secretary of State has agreed to enter into a Funding Agreement enabling The Crypt School to convert into an Academy with effect from today, 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. Academy Status gives us additional freedoms and flexibilities, and it removes us from being "maintained" by the Local Authority. Most crucially of all at this difficult time, it gives us control of all of our finances, enabling the Governing Body to ensure that we achieve best value for every pound spent.

**Ofsted**

The school received the attached letter from Christine Gilbert, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector and the Head of Ofsted this week. Ofsted have carried out an interim inspection and conclude that we have maintained the excellent educational standards observed at the last inspection in 2008, and in consequence we will not be inspected until the summer of 2012 at the earliest.

This is excellent news. It recognises the superb work of our staff and our students' positive attitude to learning, which has seen results improve year on year.

Balanced against this is our firm belief that Ofsted would have judged the school to be "outstanding" overall if we had been inspected this year. We shall have to wait until 2012 now for this.

With my best wishes,

J P Standen  
Headmaster



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Dear Parent

### **The Crypt School: Ofsted's interim assessment**

I am pleased to provide some important information about The Crypt School.

As you may know, during its last inspection in February 2008, 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, Her Majesty's Inspectors look at, and evaluate, 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 inspection visits carried out by Ofsted since the last routine inspection
- qualifying complaints<sup>1</sup> about the school by parents or carers
- any other significant concerns 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.

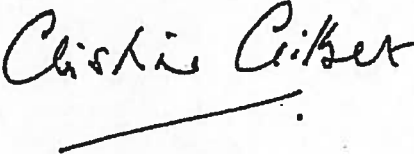
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<sup>1</sup> Ofsted has specific powers (under section 11A-C of the Education Act 2005, as amended) to investigate certain complaints, known as qualifying complaints.

As a result, the next full inspection will not take place any earlier than the summer term 2012 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 future.

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**