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Dear Mr
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Sport**

Thank you for your hospitality and cooperation, and that of your staff during my visit on 4 December to look at competitive school sport.

The visit provided valuable information which will contribute to our publication about best practice in competitive school sport. The publication will include case studies in individual schools. If your school is included, you will have an opportunity to comment prior to publication. Individual institutions will not be identified in the main text without their consent.

The evidence gained from meetings with you, your Head of Physical Education (PE), teachers and coaches, groups of students and observations of students in lessons and extra-curricular sports activities confirmed a number of features that enable you to provide an exceptional level of competitive school sport. These include:

- The extremely high calibre of your PE staff. They use their broad range of expertise to coach and inspire students to participate and compete in sport at the highest levels. One student, with national representative honours in athletics captured the ethos, expectations and aspirations of competitive school sport at The Crypt when he said 'if you're going to do it, do it to your best and be the best'.
- This strong sporting ethos is apparent throughout the school. High levels of commitment are demonstrated by senior leaders, PE teachers and other academic staff who contribute to PE lessons and extracurricular activities. This enables students of all ages to achieve excellence in competitive sport during lessons, as members of highly successful sports teams and as individuals. A high number of students are members of elite academy squads and gain regional and national honours.

- A unique feature of the school is the on-site athlete academy which focuses on preparing students to compete at high levels through personal strength and conditioning work. Programmes are tailored specifically to meet the needs of teams and individual competitors.

I hope these observations are useful as you continue to develop competitive school sport.

Yours sincerely

Judith Rundle

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