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Outstanding Inspection Report for City of London School for Girls

The Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) has this week published its report into City of London School for Girls in Barbican following an inspection that took place on 20 to 23 January 2015.

The report confirms the exemplary reputation of the school and its mission statement, 'aiming for excellence in all we do in the education and development of young women', achieving the highest possible grade in all categories.

Pupil achievement received a grading of exceptional, which is only awarded to 5% of all inspected schools. Highlights in the report also include observations that curricular and extra-curricular provision is excellent and has strengthened since previous inspections. The report also depicts the strong relationships between the highly committed teachers and pupils, "enabling them to become highly proficient independent learners".

The report recognises the fantastic quality of teaching at City in, "imaginative, stimulating and challenging lessons help pupils to develop a love of learning and the girls are eager to go beyond the taught syllabus" and "opportunities for independent learning abound. Teachers and pupils are encouraged to pursue personal research". Girls are consistently being stretched in a stimulating intellectual environment, permeated by the love of learning, as mentioned in "pupils appreciate the value of learning for its own sake and are not driven by material or competitive ideals".

Spiritual, moral, social and cultural development was also regarded as excellent, the report describing Prep pupils as "confident and articulate" and Senior students "self-aware and emotionally mature". Praise was given to the RPE, PSHCEE and Global Perspective courses at the school. Pastoral care, welfare, health and safety as well as governance, leadership and management were again deemed excellent, with the well-being of the pupils being actively promoted by school leaders.

Headmistress, Mrs Ena Harrop, has commented, "We are pleased the report demonstrates the focused yet warm nature of the school and duly reflects the high quality professional education and dedication of both staff and pupils. City's stimulating environment is enriched by the diversity of the school community, contributing to both academic achievement and overall growth and development."

The City of London School for Girls Chairman of Governors, Sir Michael Snyder, also stated, "The reports captures very well the ethos of the school and in particular its supportive and collaborative atmosphere."

The report indeed reflects the diverse nature and true spirit of the school, which continually aims to improve the outstanding education provided to young women.

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