

1st December 2008

Dear Parents,

**Ofsted Inspection of Boarding – November 2008
Inspection Report**

I am delighted to be able to enclose for you a copy of the inspection report which has been published by Ofsted following the inspection of our Boarding provision. The inspection was carried out on November 11th and 12th 2008.

Ofsted record that “the overall quality rating is outstanding.” It continues, “During the process of inspection the school was found to provide excellent outcomes for pupils boarding at Feltonfleet in all areas judged.” In practical terms we gained an outstanding rating in each of the six inspection categories. To put this in context the inspection team leader said she was not aware of another prep school achieving this outcome since Ofsted took on boarding school inspection two years ago. Neither are we! Indeed, it is equally unique for senior schools with boarding to attract such a powerful endorsement.

I would urge you to read the report in full. It is a fitting testimony to the quality of my boarding house team, superbly led by the head of boarding Peter Harnden and his wife Claire. They do such a good job for us, and so do their team of house tutors and Matrons, ably supported by the GAP students and our excellent catering team. It is also a tribute to the wonderful children we have boarding this year, and I would like to thank all of them for their excellent efforts during this process. My thanks also to those parents who completed the Ofsted questionnaire.

I very much hope that those amongst you who might be considering some boarding for your child will be doubly persuaded and reassured now that it is a very good thing indeed. I am quite sure that as knowledge of this report filters out there will be renewed demands for boarding at Feltonfleet. Given our location close to London, and

the modern and flexible nature of the provision, we are confident that this report will attract considerable interest. However, we would be thrilled to hear from any of you who would like to know more about boarding opportunities at Feltonfleet, ranging from day boarding and trial nights through to weekly boarding. If you contact Peter Harnden – p.harnden@feltonfleet.co.uk - he would be pleased to guide you.

It is true that the Ofsted brief is to focus on our boarding, and this they have done. But we shouldn't overlook the fact that the inspectorate looks carefully at the context in which our boarding thrives, the wider school community. They were clearly impressed with Feltonfleet, and to have the national inspectorate form the view they have of us is very heartening indeed. Their concluding comments helps to set us apart as one of the for most boarding prep schools in the country;

“...the boarding provision was being managed in an exceptional manner to ensure that physical, social and educational needs of the pupils were being met. The school prides itself in providing a small community feel that is modern, flexible and comfortable. Boarders truly benefit from a nurturing family boarding experience supported by a dynamic and dedicated team.”

A printed copy of this report, and the ISI report of the whole school, will be sent to you once the ISI report is sent to us. Both reports will eventually be available on the Feltonfleet web site.

With best wishes,

Yours,