

12th December 2008

Dear Parents

**ISI inspection report of the School
October 2008**

I am very pleased to be able to attach for you a copy of the Independent Schools Inspectorate inspection report of the School which took place in October 2008. We received this in hard copy form yesterday, and in digital format this morning.

As well as the digital copy attached, the report will also be on the Feltonfleet web site (www.feltonfleet.co.uk) by Monday. Thereafter it will be published on the ISI web site by the start of next term (www.isi.net). We will send you a printed copy of both the ISI report and the Ofsted report of our boarding provision at the start of next term. So that you can read both of the inspection reports side by side, I have also attached the Ofsted report for you once again (this is on our web site and was sent to you by email two weeks ago).

We are very pleased indeed with the ISI report. It has an overwhelmingly strong flavour to it, and quite rightly it has highlighted the many strengths of the school community. The opening line of the report is especially heartening;

The school provides an all-round educational experience of high quality , consistent with its overall aims and philosophy.

I shall leave you to read on from there, perhaps spotting for yourself the 14 occurrences of the word 'outstanding' and the 13 of 'excellent'. I think you will especially enjoy the references to your children and the way they live out their lives with us. They are impressive young people, and the inspectorate recognised this. And I am very pleased to see it recorded that my staff are so effective in their care of your children, and that the quality of relationships at every level is so warm and engaging.

Alongside excellent teaching, which is also noted, this must be the best we can wish for;

The school provides a high quality of pastoral care...Relationships between staff and pupils and between pupils and their peers are of a high quality.

Of course, it is in the nature of inspections that there needs to be something for us to focus on next year and beyond, and there is. But, as you might expect of this organisation, an action plan to address the next steps listed at the end of the report is already well under way. I am determined that Feltonfleet should be the best school of its type in the region, and we won't stint on the mission until we get there!

Finally, at the conclusion of what has been an exhausting term of inspection and scrutiny, I do want to record my thanks – to the children, to my staff, to my Governors, and to you. The collective support which Sue and I have had this year has been quite extraordinary.

With best wishes,

Yours,