

# School praised in Ofsted report

by SANA NATHALIA

BOTWELL House Catholic Primary School is celebrating after receiving an overall rating of "good" from OFSTED.

The inspection, carried out last month, praised pupils, staff, the curriculum and the whole community in its report.

The inspectors acknowledged the primary school in Botwell Lane, Hayes, as being more innovative and seamlessly transitioning to technology, ensuring a continued commitment to quality teaching.

Pupils and staff have been praised for creating a strong curricular thinking with the report stating that teachers check pupils' knowledge and ensure that pupils are successful.

Ofsted commended its staff's excellent conduct of teaching and school's welcoming and caring environment.

The report also recognized the high-quality support for staff and stating: 'Pupils are proud of their responsibilities which include RE ambassadors, eco warriors and school councillors.'

Other key findings highlighted in the report included:

- Pupils learn about new cultures and celebrate different festivals: Eid, Diwali and Christmas.
- Pupils are taught to read quickly by teaching them phonics at an early age and read different books to be more



## Staff and pupils at Botwell House Catholic Primary School are celebrating a good Ofsted report

● Leaders ensure that staff behaviours are consistent and have strict attendance.

Mr KCE Oakley, headteacher at Botwell House Catholic Primary School, said: "Given that many schools previously inspected as 'outstanding' are

being downgraded with this updated

inspection framework, we are very

pleased to remain a very 'good' school.

"Areas that we must work on were already identified by the school through the recognized dynamic leadership team that we now have in place and the school is, as a result, going from

strength to strength."

He added: "I have to admit that I much prefer hearing that 'pupils enjoy being at their school' and that 'pupils achieve well'."

Botwell House Catholic Primary School serves pupils aged 4-11 years in Hillingdon.

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## The winner takes it all

by JORDAN HAYTER

PERFORMING Arts Staff at Uxbridge College have brought home the glory after being recognised by the Pearson National Teaching Awards, an annual celebration of the outstanding achievements of educators across the UK.

The college was awarded gold, based on their inspirational teaching and contributions to their school and community.

The team contains professional performers, musicians and composers, who teach professional industry standard, providing their students with the skills necessary to make it. Notably, the staff have taken proactive steps to address mental health challenges by partnering with the local charity 'Give Space' to create workshops tailored to help learners deal with their issues.

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