



BRUTON SCHOOL
FOR GIRLS

20th May 2008

Dear Parents

Independent Schools Inspectorate Report

As you will know, the school was visited by a team of ISI inspectors in February. We now have their official report, a paper copy of which we are required to send to all parents. Of course, requirement or no, I would wish you to read its contents, for the inspectors found a great deal to praise. They also, inevitably, have advice on how we can further improve the education the school has to offer.

I am particularly pleased by the positive comments concerning:

- The quality of the educational experience provided
- The development of pupils into 'confident young adults who have respect for others and for the environment'
- The standards achieved in external examinations
- The strength of spiritual development and the pupils' 'strong moral sense'
- The 'stimulating, orderly and stress-free environment'
- The quality of relationships in the school, where teachers build confidence by respecting pupils as individuals
- The excellent pastoral arrangements, which provide effective support and guidance
- The near-absence of bullying and the girls' confidence in the ability of staff to deal with it, should it arise, quickly and fairly
- The wide range and quality of extra-curricular provision
- The emphasis given to healthy living
- The high quality of boarding provision and the support given by house staff
- The excellent contribution made by overseas students to the life of the school

As you will see, the 'next steps' identified by the inspectors concern: closer links between the preparatory and senior schools; finding ways to encourage a greater degree of critical thinking and independent learning; making greater use of ICT in teaching and learning; and using assessment data more effectively. These are valid recommendations, reflecting in most cases our own self-evaluation, and, where this is not already the case, we shall incorporate them into our development planning.

If, having read the report, there are points you would like to raise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With very best wishes for an enjoyable half term break

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Burrough'.

John Burrough
Headmaster