BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD
CATHOLIC COLLEGE
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To whom it may concern,

This year we decided to employ the services of Elevate Youth in school to work with some of our more disaffected pupils and to help encourage them to engage more positively within the school community and beyond. We found Aaron to be a very approachable and engaging worker who almost immediately was able to build and promote positive relationships with the pupils he has been working with. This, I believe is a key strength of Aaron's and therefore a key factor in some of the positive results he has had with our pupils.

Aaron's approach does not simply focus on in school issues, but more on the whole child. Family and in particular, parental engagement are a key focus and a resource that is otherwise difficult to facilitate in school. Aaron is therefore able to bring a greater understanding to complex home issues should they exist and work with the family to better support their child's progress in school.

Some of the impact that we have seen from the Elevate Youth programme so far includes, a more positive attitude in school, pupils receiving fewer detentions and pupils being able to manage their anger and reactions to difficult situations in a more measured and mature manner.

We look forward to our continued work with Aaron as he works with a wider range of pupils at our school and we have no doubt that his influence will become even more positive as he becomes a regular fixture in school each week.

Yours Faithfully,

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