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Dear Parent / Carer

We were delighted to welcome both our P16 and GCSE students back to school on results day given the disruption to previous years' examinations and celebrate their success. You will have perhaps seen much in the news about harsher grading, fewer top grades and a return to 2019 grade distributions but less about how these students lost significant time and how national attendance averages were close to 6% lower. It has long been established that attendance impacts outcomes, so we really are not back to normal yet.

We were delighted that despite all the challenges our students faced we achieved strong outcomes at both GCSE and A-Level with our key headline measures above national averages for another year. Our students are to be commended for these fantastic results and we wish them all every success.

*The results below may change slightly in the coming days with remarks and adjustments to national data.*

## GCSE Outcomes 2023

Key Measure	2023 Results	National Averages (Provisional SIARA)	Difference to National Average	Note
Attainment 8	49.02	46.47	+2.55	
Progress 8				It isn't possible to predict accurately at this time but ours provisionally is positive.
English & Maths 5+ (strong pass)	50.9%	44.8%	+6.1%	
English & Maths 4+ (Standard pass)	73.9%	65.5%	+8.4%	
5 Strong Passes inc English & Maths	46.6%	41.4%	+5.2%	
5 Standard Passes inc English & Maths	67.5%	60.9%	+6.6%	
Ebacc entry	32.9%	38.2%	-5.3%	Students have free choice in options so EBacc is not a compulsory pathway
Ebacc Point score	4.27	4.05	+0.22	

It is very apparent from our data that a significant factor in a student's success is **attendance**. If we filtered our data to students who have above 90% attendance these headlines change considerably, as outlined below.

Key Measure 90% + Attendance	2023 Results	National Averages (Provisional SIARA)	Difference to National Average	Note
Attainment 8	53.59	46.47	+7.12	
Progress 8				
English & Maths 5+ (strong pass)	60.3%	44.8%	+15.5	
English & Maths 4+ (Standard pass)	83.3%	65.5%	+17.8	
5 Strong Passes inc English & Maths	56.3%	41.4%	+14.9%	
5 Standard Passes inc English & Maths	77.6%	60.9%	+16.7%	
Ebacc entry	37.9%	38.2%	-5.3%	Students have free choice in options so EBacc is not a compulsory pathway
Ebacc Point score	4.72	4.05	+0.67	

The above results would be exceptional for our school and show what would be possible with stronger attendance. I believe this also highlights the strong work that has been undertaken these past years to support students, develop the curriculum and improve our campus culture, so that those students in the building achieve success.

**Clearly attendance is a complex issue but the key message from us is please support your child and us by encouraging strong attendance.**

There is a national focus on improving attendance from the DFE and we will be reviewing our strategies and approaches in the coming year too.

Our A-Level results were also positive and students have progressed to a variety of amazing destinations and we are exceptionally proud of them too.

### **P16 Results 2023**

*There is no value added data for this cohort as they did not sit GCSE exams and were awarded teacher assessed grades instead.*

Key Measure	2023 Results	National
<b>Overall</b>		
Lv 3 APE	33.64	
Average Grade	C+	C
<b>Academic</b>		
APE	33.74	
Average Grade	C+	
<b>Applied General</b>		
APE	33.02	
Average Grade	Dist -	

As a school we will continue to work hard to ensure our students receive the best education possible, but as has always been the case the stronger the partnership is between home and school the better chance of success there is for your children.

Working together we can achieve great things.

Yours sincerely



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