

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Key Stage 4 Exam Results 2022**

I contacted you earlier in the year with various updates, including how well our students had done in the end of year exams last year. During our half term holiday, the national Year 11 GCSE (and equivalent) statistics were published which gave us the first official “Progress 8” scores for schools across the country. The statistics can be found here: <https://www.get-information-schools.service.gov.uk/> under “Establishments” should you wish to find out any more information.

The Progress 8 measure is the key statistic the Government look at in terms of school success. Calculating the Progress 8 score is quite complicated but it essentially shows how well a school’s students do between the end of Primary School and the end of Secondary School. A score of 0 means the students did as well, on average, as they would be expected to. Most schools in the country sit between -0.25 and +0.25, which is where The City of Leicester College has been previously. The national average for state schools was around -0.03 this year.

This year our students achieved a Progress 8 score of +0.49 which puts us up with the very best schools in the city and well above the national average. By this measure we are the fifth best secondary school (out of twenty) overall, the third best mixed (co-educational) school in the city and the best in the area. While it is impossible to define any school’s success using a single number, this does show what a wonderful community we have and the potential it contains.

For those with older students at The City of Leicester College, you will know that we have been on a rapid journey in the last three years, and we are now getting somewhere closer to the school I always knew we could be. The changes to teaching and learning, curriculum, reporting, active and ambitious learning behaviours and developing our student’s character, have had a tangible impact across the school that I can see daily. It is great for this to have now been reflected in a huge rise in examination success, so our student’s success is clear for all to see.

The Progress 8 score is of course great news for the school but most importantly, it gives our students a greater chance of future success. A Progress 8 score means that half the grades our students achieved were above what they would have expected to achieve at an average school. With the specific challenges that our area of Leicester faced during the pandemic, getting grades like this was nothing short of incredible and shows the character our students demonstrated and shows the support they received in school and importantly, at home.

I have always been at pains to thank you for your continued support in getting your children to school on time, in being well prepared and equipped for learning and then supported at home to demonstrate those truly ambitious learning behaviours that make the difference. This letter will end no differently, as to quote a well-known proverb, it takes a village to raise a child. I look forward to continuing to serve this community and to work with you all to ensure the next generation are as well-equipped as possible for success in this increasingly challenging world of ours.

Kind regards,



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