

Our ref: ljm/KDV/Correspondence

25 October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Secondary School Application Deadline

With the application deadline for secondary schools fast approaching, I thought I would write to you all to remind you that there is less than a week to go and to update you with some of the statistics that I shared on the Open Evening. During the 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 about The City of Leicester College or any other school in the city.

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 around 0 is the national average. If a school gets a Progress 8 score of 0 it means the students did as well, on average, as they would be expected to.

This year the students at The City of Leicester College 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 by some way. 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 scores 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 said at the Open Evening that the most important thing for your child is that they choose where they are most comfortable and that gives them the best chance of success. I of course hope that is with us, but no matter which students arrive at the start of next year, I look forward to continuing to work together with our community to ensure the next generation are as well-equipped as possible for success in this increasingly challenging world. If your child wishes to be

part of our community, I urge you to complete the application by the 31st October 2022 to give your child the best chance of securing a place with us.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K Vernon', enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Mr. K Vernon
Head Teacher