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Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure many of you will have examined the school league tables that were published last Thursday, 24 January 2019. The tables reflect the performance of schools in the academic year 2018-19.

Key Stage 4 Results

The progress score for our school in this academic year was -0.17. Whilst clearly not yet the kind of progress score we aspire to for our young people, the improvement from the -0.26 of the previous year was not inconsiderable and saw the school moving from 'below average' to 'average' in the DfE league table progress bandings, a clear move in the right direction for the school.

To give context alongside the improvement in the Progress 8 score, our position in Leeds by other key performance indicators is much stronger, having the 10th highest Ebacc average point score and the 13th highest Maths and English pass rate at grade 5. I hope this context reassures parents. I would firmly stress that there is a clear understanding amongst staff and school leaders that improvements need to continue. There is still much work to do at Key Stage 4 and delivering a high quality curriculum and learning experience remains a key priority.

Key Stage 5 Results

Whilst we can be encouraged by the direction of our Key Stage 4 performance, the school can be delighted with the continued strengths seen at Key Stage 5. With the publication of last week's league tables came the first opportunity to compare our Key Stage 5 results with other schools in Leeds. It was incredibly pleasing to see Guiseley School's average point score for students' best 3 A level results achieve the position of 3rd highest in Leeds. In addition, 22.4% of students achieving AAB or higher in a least 2 facilitating subjects was the 6th highest in Leeds. A level results also saw a positive progress score of +0.10 which was the highest of all schools in our local area of Leeds North West and also higher than our neighbouring Bradford Authority Schools.

This is a reflection of the dedication and hard work of both students and staff and a clear indicator of the quality of the Key Stage 5 curriculum. As we approach the final date for 'A' level course applications, parents and students alike can be assured that the Key Stage 5 provision at Guiseley School continues to deliver the very highest quality.

Yours sincerely

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