



Eden Girls

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assalamu Alaikum – ‘Peace be upon you’

I would like to share some exceptional news for our school with respect to our GCSE results this summer. Earlier this week, the Department for Education (DFE) shared the Progress 8 scores for all the schools in the country. This measure is the most important indicator of how much progress pupils make in their learning in schools.

I am delighted to inform you that our school achieved a Progress 8 score of +1.36. This is an exceptional achievement. This means that on average, our pupils achieve over 1 GCSE grade higher per subject than the national expectation.

Our school is ranked 7th best in the whole country out of approximately 7000 secondary schools with respect to the Progress 8 score. To be in the top 10 schools in the country is certainly something to cherish and celebrate.

To achieve this kind of incredible performance, everyone in the ‘Eden family’ has positively contributed over the years since the school opened. I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations and thank you to all the staff, governors, parents/carers, our Trust central team and especially our amazing pupils who deserve this fantastic recognition. At this time, I would like to acknowledge and praise Linda Thompson, our previous Principal, who led the school to this exceptional achievement.

Looking forward, we must ensure at the ‘Eden family’ that each one of us, namely all staff, governors, parents/carers, Trust central team and especially the pupils continue to work in the same positive, diligent and supportive manner to help ensure that we, by the will of the Almighty, continue to achieve such amazing outcomes in the future.

With this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to provide a few gentle reminders to help with clarity and understanding as we move forward.

- School attendance and punctuality is essential to help ensure pupils can maximise their learning in school. Please can you continue to support our pupils to come to school every day and that they are punctual to both school and to lessons. Pupils should be in school by 8.10 am at the latest ready for the start of day at 8.15am.

With respect to parents/carers requesting any holiday leave during term time, this is not permitted as we expect all of our pupils to be in school every day. With respect to exceptional leave requests, these are very rarely given unless there are truly exceptional reasons. One example is when there is an emergency situation such as a bereavement in the immediate family.



- With respect to school uniform, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 need to wear the blue headscarf with the purple cap underneath the scarf. With the weather changing, pupils must only wear a plain black coat. No hooded tops are allowed in school as this is not part of the school uniform. If a pupil is wearing a hooded top in school, they will incur a sanction and the hooded top will be confiscated.
- Mobile phones are not allowed in school. If a pupil does bring a mobile phone into school, they must give their mobile phone in at the start of the school day by 8.15 am in the tray provided, and collect their mobile phone at the end of the school day as they leave the school premises. Pupils must never carry or use their mobile phone anywhere on the school premises. Very serious sanctions will be applied if any pupil is carrying or using their mobile phone during the school day.
- Pupils must be organised with respect to bringing in their exercise books and equipment.
- Chewing gum is not allowed anywhere on our school premises.
- We have a daily breakfast club where all pupils are welcome to have some food and a warm drink. The start time is 7.30 am and the breakfast club finishes at 8.00 am.
- The school will always be open as usual except when we experience adverse weather conditions and if such an occasion does happen, the school will contact parents to notify you accordingly.
- With winter approaching and daylight time reducing, we want to remind all pupils to be vigilant and safe as they walk to and from school. We strongly recommend that all girls should walk in groups with their friends during these times if possible.

In conclusion I wish everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break. School re-opens on Monday 29th October.

Yours faithfully



Saqub Sheikh
Principal