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Dear Parent/Guardian

School League Table Published

The Government School League Tables for Secondary Schools have been published and show the excellent achievements and progress that Sandy Upper School has made in the last year. The school has a Progress Score of +0.37, which is significantly above the national average and places the school in the top 20% of all schools nationally, and in the top 10% of maintained schools. Sandy Upper School is once again the highest performing school in Central Bedfordshire. This measure is of particular importance to us as it takes into account the results of every single student at the end of Year 11, and looks at how much progress they have made in comparison to students of similar ability across the country. A figure of +0.37 indicates that, on average, our students make one third of a grade more progress than students do nationally.

Sandy Upper School has also excelled in other areas with an Attainment score of 48.2. This means that the average grades for students are a 4+ (grade C on old scales) which is above national average. 45% of students achieved the new expected standard of a grade 5, and 70% achieving grade 4 in both English & Mathematics, both figures are above national average.

The introduction of the new GCSE grading system has seen grade 9s issued, which are above the A* grade of the old system. These have been awarded to the top 3% of students nationally in each subject. This year has seen students at Sandy Upper School achieve grade 9s in English Language, English Literature, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography & History.

Please note that these results are published using the Sandy Upper School name for the academic year 2017-2018, as we officially became Sandy Secondary School in September 2018.

Yours faithfully

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