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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to be able to share with you the latest release of 2024 examinations data from the Department of Education. This data summary provides parents and Ofsted, with clear and benchmarked information on how a school is supporting students to achieve in their examinations.

For the first time in our history our Progress 8 score (the figure that shows the difference in grades between what their prior data suggested to the grade they gained) has been ranked as **WELL ABOVE AVERAGE**. This is because our P8 score is 0.65 and means that Ely College is within the **top 16% of state funded mainstream schools** in the country. The National Average for all schools for 2024 is -0.03. What this means is that, on average, students here achieve 2/3rds of a grade higher per subject than a school where the P8 is 0.

In addition to the performance of all the Year 11 students as a group, the performance of students based on their prior attainment is also superb. The P8 score for students with low prior attainment (test results in Year 6) was **0.7**, our middle prior attainment band of students made progress of **0.64** and our group of students with the highest prior attainment went on to make progress of **0.62**.

Our performance in the basics measure of students who reached grade 4 in English and Maths matches the progress results. **80.2%** of our students reached this threshold in 2024 compared to the national average of **67.4%**. For the measure of a strong pass in English and Maths at grade 5 or above, **57.7%** of our students reached this threshold compared to **45.9%** for the national average.

Our students who have English as an additional language made progress of **1.25** and whilst boys sometimes don't make the same progress as girls at this age the gap between the two was as small as it has been for some times – **Girls P8 0.73** and **Boys P8 0.59**.

Whilst these results are a source of huge pride for all the staff of the college and the Trust, they also show that, on an individual level, we are giving students the very best chance of moving onto their preferred destinations at post 16 and beyond. We set ourselves the challenge to be an **exceptional college for an exceptional community**. These results, and the way we support all students to reach these levels of progress, truly are exceptional and could not happen without the superb partnership between students, parents and carers and the staff in the college.

You can find a full breakdown of all the results at this link:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/143404/ely-college/secondary>

and a list of all the secondary schools in Cambridgeshire on this link: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/schools-by-type?step=default&table=schools&region=873&geographic=la&for=secondary>

Yours faithfully



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