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Dear Blaise families,

I am writing to you with regards to the now confirmed exam results from the 22/23 exam series; last year's Year 11s. We have to wait to write to the community about these results as the results are not validated by the government until October 18th. As you know we place a lot of emphasis on exam results as it is the children's exam results that will dictate the level of choice that they have over the rest of their lives.

You may or may not be aware of the national 'Progress 8' measure. This is the main measure used by the government to monitor performance of schools. It refers to the progress made by students across 8 subjects from the end of Year 6 to the end of Year 11. Where a school has a score of 0 it means that children are making expected progress. Below 0 is below expected progress and above 0 is above expected progress. You also may, or may not be aware, that this summer's exam series was the first series to return to pre - covid (2019) standards of marking. This means that the most useful exam series to compare this summer's with is 2019, not 2022, as the exams in 2022 were marked more generously than the 2023 ones. **This has resulted in many schools nationally moving backwards and not forwards**

Measure	18/19	21/22	22/23
Progress 8	-0.65	-0.46	-0.21
5+ incl Eng and Maths	27%	41%	38%
4+ incl Eng and Maths	45%	60%	54%
Grade 9s (the top grade)	1	24 (in all GCSEs)	34 (in all GCSEs)

As you can see, the school has **progressed in every measure since 2019** and progressed in the Progress 8 measure since 2022. This year's progress 8 score; whilst still below average, will put us in the 'average' category for schools, this is the first time this has ever happened for a school on this site. This is something that we should all be very proud of. The Progress 8 score has moved forward a quarter of a grade, for all students, in 12 months and for children identified as 'disadvantaged' the average improvement was over half a grade.



This is an excellent achievement, in a challenging year, from children and staff. An increase of 33 grade 9s is a phenomenal achievement and testament to the hard work of the children. We are incredibly proud of the Year 11s who just left us, their education was enormously disrupted and they achieved results better than 2019 on every measure, and the best progress score the **school has ever had**. We recognise that we always have work to do and we need to continue to improve for the good of the children.

The community should be proud of these results as a building block for future progress.

Yours sincerely,



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