

*Think for yourself, act for others***Mr Palmer - Assistant Head Teacher**

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Exam Results 2018 Explanation**

The government has recently released the unvalidated GCSE figures for all schools for the 2018 examinations. As parents of students currently in the school, we believe that it is important that you realise that these figures do **not** reflect all of the examinations that our Year 11 students took. The curriculum structure for our students in Year 11 in 2017-18 was such that they took many of their GCSEs early in Year 10. These qualifications, because they were the old A\*-G GCSEs, are not measured in the latest official government figures for our school. Importantly, these results do count for the students and will be fully accepted when they apply for post-16 and post-18 education and for future employment.

As a result of this, the [official figures](#) do not reflect the real picture of the attainment and progress of our students because they only show the results for the exams our Year 11 students took in 2018.

Below are the figures which include **all** their GCSE qualifications that our students took with comparisons to the average for schools in England:

- Progress 8: -0.01
- Grade 5 or above in both English and Maths: 43% (England average: 39.9%)
- Attainment 8 score: 45.07 (England average: 44.3)
- Entered for EBacc: 61.9% (England average: 35.1%)
- EBacc average points score: 4.08 (England average 3.83)

This situation with our official government results is a one off instance and from next year our official results will reflect exactly how Cheney School students performed in their GCSE examinations.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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