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Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Record breaking results at Ely College

I am delighted to tell you that hot on the heels of being announced as 'Secondary School of the Year' at the recent Cambridge News Education Awards, students at Ely College achieved some of the best GCSE results in the school's history this year.

62% of our students achieved grades 4-9 in both English and mathematics - a 27%-point rise on 2015. 44% of our students secured the top grades (5-9) in both English and mathematics – a 4 per cent increase on last year, and significantly above last year's national average.

The proportion of students achieving the top grades was particularly pleasing. An impressive 60 entries were graded at the new 'Grade 9', which is only awarded to the top 3 per cent of students in the country for each subject. 138 GCSEs in total were awarded at either grades 8 or 9 (equivalent to at least the old A*), compared with 91 at that level in 2017.

I would like to congratulate all of our students and their families on these excellent results. Improving on last year's results seemed a tall order twelve months ago, but I'm delighted with how our students and staff have risen to that challenge.

The excellent results reflect a great deal of hard work from our students and my wonderful staff. Ely College is, once again, a school of which the community can be proud, and we are determined to build further on this success in the years to come.

I am also proud to say that Bishop Laney Sixth Form, our collaboration with Soham Village College, also celebrated an excellent set of post-16 results this year. The Sixth Form achieved a 100 per cent pass rate for its vocational courses, with 56 per cent of results awarded at Distinction or Distinction* level and 93 per cent awarded at either Merit or Distinction level.

These results demonstrate that Bishop Laney Sixth Form is already delivering excellent outcomes for students locally, and we are looking forward to expanding the curriculum to include some A Levels this year. Students in East Cambridgeshire deserve to be able to access excellent sixth form provision without the cost and stress of a long journey. We are delighted that Bishop Laney Sixth Form is successfully delivering that opportunity.

I look forward to seeing many of you again on Tuesday 4th September 2018 for the new academic year and I hope that you have all enjoyed a fantastic summer holiday so far.

Yours faithfully

Richard Spencer
Principal

