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**SIR JAMES SMITH'S
COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Validated GCSE results 2017

The government has recently published the validated school performance tables for last summer's exams. I am very pleased to report SJS students performed superbly well keeping Sir Jim's at the top of the North Cornwall league table yet again. The results are shown in the table below.

| Schools in North Cornwall | Progress 8 score | Rank in North Cornwall | Rank in Cornwall | Compared with schools nationally |
|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| SJS | +0.27 | 1 | 6/31 | Above average in top 25% |
| School A | -0.06 | 2 | 19/31 | Average 41-60 |
| School B | -0.12 | 3 | 20/31 | Average 41 -60 |
| School C | -0.23 | 4 | 25/31 | Below average 61 -80 |
| School D | -0.34 | 5 | 26/31 | Below average 61 -80 |
| National score | | | | |

The higher the Progress 8 score, the greater the progress made by the student compared to the average of students with similar prior attainment. The P8 score for SJS students means our students performed nearly 2/3 grade better across all eight subjects compared to School D even though School D had the most able cohort as measured by key stage 2 point scores. All this information can be found in the 2017 performance tables which can be accessed by clicking here. <https://www.gov.uk/school-performance-tables>

The government uses Progress 8 as its key performance indicator. This replaces the old measure, 5+A*-C including English and maths, which favoured schools with more academic intakes. Progress 8 measures the progress students have made across 8 approved subjects and when calculated includes all students not just those capable of achieving higher grades.

This fabulous outcome reflects the hard work undertaken by staff over the past few years to raise standards. The quality of teaching at Sir Jim's is the best in North Cornwall. It is also an indicator of the commitment shown by the vast majority of our students who have been determined to make the most of their time at Sir Jim's. In doing so, they have outperformed the vast majority of students across the country. Well done staff and students we are very proud of you all.

Yours faithfully

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