



16 December 2024

Dear Staff Member of St Laurence School,

The full governing body of school trustees met last week and considered a report from the Headteacher. He confirmed what Standards Committee members had realised: That this year has seen an excellent set of results. The data that has finally been released shows a very strong position for St Laurence with one of its highest progress 8 scores ever and a much-improved score for disadvantaged students. The detailed figures have been reported to Standards Committee, and the following headline figures were reported to FGB:

### GCSE

Attainment 8: 5.4 (national is 4.7)

Progress 8: 0.45 (top 20% of the country)

Progress 8 for disadvantaged students: 0.04 (2022: -1.2)

%4+ Eng/Ma: 75% (national is 66%)

%5+ Eng/Ma: 56% (national is 47%)

%7-9: 22% (national is 16%)

### A level

Grade average: B

**A\*-A = 24.4% vs 2023 (30%)**

**A\*-B = 56.7% (61.5%)**

**A\*-C = 82.8% (82.4%)**

**A\*- E = 99% (98.7%)**

This data has placed us as the highest performing non-selective secondary school in Wiltshire. What an incredible achievement!

Trustees were unanimous in their praise of the hard work and dedication of all members of staff. Without that, these results could not have been achieved by the students. Trustees asked that as Chair, I write a letter to staff on their behalf, congratulating every member of staff on their hard work and success. I have very great pleasure in doing so; and also, in wishing you a happy Christmas and a well-earned break from your efforts on behalf of our pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Kieran Kilgallen  
Chair of Trustees

PS I am very keen to see your efforts appreciated by parents and the town community as they should be. I have therefore asked that this message is posted on our school website.