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Dear Parents and Carers

Just a very short note to let you know where we are in terms of the outcomes from the Summer GCSE series.

You may be aware that there are no progress grades for this year or next, as Key Stage 2 SATs tests were cancelled in Covid and therefore there is no formal starting point for a progress measure. That means we have returned to simple attainment as a measure and factors such as attendance and students not in education or training. Whilst schools have shared the provisional data, this will not be released by the Department for Education until late October 2025 and therefore it is difficult to compare schools.

Attainment is measured by a simple average of grades awarded per entry. That is all grades are added up and divided by the number of entries: with a pass being 4 plus. We are the only non-selective school with an average grade for boys and girls that is a pass on average across all subjects: 4.5. Without getting into too much comparative detail, our boys and girls performed as well, if not better, than any of the truly non-selective schools.

In broader, but quite telling measures, absence at Pensby High School is lower than national, North West average and much lower than Wirral at 7.7% compared to 8.7% nationally. Similarly, great store is set by 'Not in Employment, Education Training' figures (NEET) which is a measure which records the number of students who did not progress onto further education or training after GCSE's: last year our NEET figure was 1.7%, again below national and local figures, at 4.6% in Wirral and 4.0% nationally.

In terms of basic headline measurements, again these will I think be very favourable when compared to similar schools:

5 plus GCSEs including English and maths at grade 5	42.4%
5 plus GCSEs including English and maths at grade 4	73%
Percentage of students passing English	83%
Percentage of students passing maths	77%

We will send out a link to the provisional tables once the DFE release these, but again this year, your children have made us very proud and we are pound for pound, the best non-selective school on Wirral. Last year, we were at the 17th percentile for similar schools nationally and had the second highest progress of all non-selective schools across the 11 similar highly selective local authorities: we would hope that given our outcomes relative to local and national outcomes, to again be in a similar ranking.

Yours faithfully

Mr K Flanagan
Headteacher