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Dear Parent/Carer

I am delighted to inform you that the Academy has received some great news today. The Department for Education has released official, national progress data for individual schools and our data confirms that the progress of our 2018 GCSE students was indeed exceptional.

In a few weeks' time, we will be able to benchmark our progress scores against other schools within a county-wide and national context when the 2018 Performance Tables are published. And, I think it is fair to say that Erasmus Darwin Academy will be very highly placed. Indeed, as a rough guide, please consider that this year's progress score of 0.6, which we received this morning, would place us second in the local authority and in the top 4% of schools nationally if we consider last year's 2017 Performance Tables. (However, as aforementioned, please remember that this is only a rough guide and we will confirm our local and national position when we have concrete information from the 2018 Performance Tables in a few weeks' time.)

What is particularly pleasing about our progress data is the consistency and inclusivity that it demonstrates. Progress is significantly above national expectations in all key subject areas and for all different pupil groups. Indeed, boys, girls, students of all abilities, students with additional needs and students who benefitted from Pupil Premium funding all made exceptional progress, which shows that we really do take our mission statement of *Excellence for All* seriously.

Finally, I want to emphasise that these exceptional outcomes are the result of an exceptional team-effort. I continue to feel inspired, incredibly proud and immensely grateful on a daily basis when I witness the way in which students, staff, parents and governors work together to help create a culture and ethos which breeds success and positivity.

Many thanks for your ongoing support as we strive to provide the best possible education for all of our young people.

Yours faithfully

M Maydew
Principal