



Westfield Academy

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School League Tables

Dear Parents and Carers

As you may have seen recently the DFE has published the schools league tables. In them they have Westfield in a very poor position. To be absolutely clear, 56% of Westfield students achieved five A*-C including English and Maths, not the 20% published in the tables. If this had been the case then in September we would have triggered an OFSTED inspection.

Unfortunately, the league table has not included the English Language results (grades A*-C) for over 60 of our students, because they sat English Literature and English Language as two distinct GCSE qualifications. New guidelines for the league tables insist that students should either do English Language on its own or English Language and English Literature together, not two distinct qualifications. This is particularly unfortunate because it misrepresents the excellent achievements that Westfield Academy students made in their GCSEs.

67% of our students achieved an A*-C grade in English Language and the overall percentage of students achieving five grades A*-C including English and Maths was 56%.

The most important thing to remember is that Government discounting our students' results does not affect our students' actual achievements – they did achieve their A*-C grades, and they have successfully continued in to further education.

More importantly, approximately 30 students achieved two GCSEs in English Literature and English language, who if we were focussing on league tables alone would have only a GCSE in English Language.

"It's important to remember that education is ultimately about young people learning and achieving good grades; not Government league tables."

Best Wishes

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