

Meopham School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to share with you the news that Meopham School has been confirmed for the third year running as the highest performing High School in Kent in the 2018 validated DfE Performance Tables (published on Thursday 24th January 2019). Please click on the link below to view the Performance Tables in more detail:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/139075/meopham-school>

We are particularly proud about the ranking of the school when compared with similar schools nationally. This information can be accessed via the link above and then by clicking on the Compare Similar Schools tab on the left hand side of the page above. Alternatively, you can access the page directly by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/school/similar/139075?phase=ks4>

You will see that we are the second highest performing school in the country when compared with similar schools. This is a fantastic achievement.

Our Progress 8 score is extremely positive. Progress 8 is a new secondary accountability measure aimed at measuring the progress of pupils across a selected set of 8 subjects. It is a type of value added measure, meaning that pupils' results are compared to the actual achievements of other pupils with the same prior attainment. The minimum expected Progress 8 score (the "floor standard") set by the Government is -0.5, with the national average set at 0. Our Progress 8 figure of +0.45 means that the average achievement of our pupils is **half a grade better per subject than the national average of pupils with the same prior attainment**. This, together with the fact that **71% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths** (up 10% on the equivalent figure last year), places us securely above the national average.

So how have we achieved such incredible results? We've achieved them by focusing on the basics, and by focusing on them relentlessly. Standards of planning, teaching and marking are extremely high. We are a great team. We know our students very well and do everything in our power to work with them, and you, to ensure their success. Our students are proud of their school, and rightly so.

Finally, as I said in my letter to you in October 2018, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents. Our success is truly a Meopham family effort.

Let's continue to work together to ensure that we continue to build on these excellent foundations. Meopham School is a small school with huge ambitions. Together, we're making such a difference to the lives of our young people. Well done to everyone!

Yours faithfully

Mrs S Dickinson
Headteacher

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN A RURAL SETTING

Term 3

Term 3 Starts: Thursday 3 January 2019
Term 3 Ends: Friday 15 February 2019
Holiday: Monday 18 February 2019 to Friday 22 February 2019 32

Term 4

Term 4 Starts: Monday 25 February 2019
Term 4 Ends: Friday 5 April 2019
Holiday: Monday 8 April 2019 to Monday 22 April 2019 30

Term 5

Term 5 Starts: Tuesday 23 April 2019
Term 5 Ends: Friday 24 May 2019
Holiday: Monday 27 May 2019 to Friday 31 May 2019 27

Term 6

Term 6 Starts: Monday 3 June 2019
Term 6 Ends: Wednesday 24 July 2019
Staff Development Days: *Thursday, 27th June 2019*
Friday 28 June 2019 Swalefest
Wednesday 24 July 2019 34