



# BECCLES FREE SCHOOL

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## **High achievers at Beccles Free School outperform local peers**

You may be aware that on 21 January the Department for Education released their secondary school league tables, based on the percentage of students who secured five A\* to C GCSEs, including English and Maths, last summer. The headline figure for Beccles Free School was 43%, however, new data from the DfE looks beyond this figure and confirms our school has made considerable successes in a number of areas.

Beccles Free School is the only secondary in Beccles where 100% of all 'High Achieving Pupils', as described by DfE, secured five A\* to C GCSEs including English and Maths. 'High Achieving Pupils' are described as those who are above the expected level 4 when they leave primary school.

30% of all students at Beccles Free School also achieved the Government's new English Baccalaureate (Ebacc), which is the highest proportion in the local area and one of the highest nationally. The Government will continue to measure pupils' performance in Ebacc.

87% also made expected progress in Maths, achieving the best GCSE results for the subject locally.

The new figures come from the DfE's 'value added' data, as part of a new measure called Progress 8, which looks at the overall progress of students from when they leave primary school to their GCSE achievements in Year 11. The new Progress 8 measure already shows that the Free School students have made great progress with, on average, all students achieving a quarter of a grade higher than national expectations.

This 'value added' data from DfE will hopefully help others to see how well so many students have done. What we now need to do as a school is to reflect and make sure results improve further.

Yours faithfully,

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**Headteacher**

