

# Key stage 4 congratulatory letters

Information for local authorities, maintained schools, academies and free schools

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# Summary

## Schools receiving congratulatory letters

This guide details the criteria agreed by the Department for Education for congratulatory letters sent to secondary schools based on 2015 key stage 4 results.

### Expiry or review date

This information will next be reviewed before January 2017.

## Who is this advice for?

This guidance is for:

- local authorities
- school leaders, school staff and governing bodies in all maintained schools, academies and free schools

# **Criteria for congratulatory letters**

Congratulatory letters were sent by the Minister of State for Schools, Nick Gibb MP, to secondary schools based on 2015 key stage 4 results, meeting the following criteria:

#### **English Baccalaureate**

The top non-selective state-funded schools in England showing the best results in the English Baccalaureate.

## Attainment

The top non-selective state-funded schools in England showing the best results against the five or more A\* to C GCSEs (or equivalent) including English and maths GCSEs measure.

### Value Added

The top non-selective state-funded schools in England based on the key stage 2 to key stage 4 value added measure.

#### Improvement

The top non-selective state-funded schools in England where the percentage of pupils achieving five or more A\* to C GCSEs (or equivalent), including English and maths GCSEs, showed most year on year improvement between 2012/13 and 2014/15. Schools must also have exceeded the national average attainment against the measure in 2015 for any pupil premium pupils at the school.

### **Progress 8**

The top non-selective state-funded schools in England that achieved a score of +1 or more on the Progress 8 measure.

#### Schools that met more than one of the above criteria

A number of schools met more than one of the criteria above:

- 36 schools met both criteria (1) and (2)
- 7 schools met both criteria (1) and (3)
- 2 schools met criteria (1) and (4)
- 2 schools met criteria (1) and (5)
- 16 schools met criteria (1), (2) and (3)

- 3 schools met criteria (1), (2) and (4)
- 12 schools met both criteria (2) and (3)
- 7 schools met both criteria (2) and (4)
- 6 schools met criteria (3) and (4)
- 6 schools met criteria (2), (3) and (4)
- 2 schools met criteria (1), (2), (3) and (4)



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