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8<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you that, following record breaking GCSE results this year (the best in the school's history), our progress 8 score of +0.55 is in the top 10% of all schools nationally, which means that students' achievement at St Michael's is exceptional. The school achieved the second highest GCSE attainment in Sandwell; this puts our students in an exceptionally strong position when moving on to future learning and employment, and as they compete for further education opportunities in the local area.

This achievement is all the more remarkable as 2021/2022 was truly a very challenging and difficult year in many respects. We must commend Mrs Handy-Rivett and the senior leadership team on the seamless transition of school leadership following the untimely death of Mrs Gray. We also wish to thank staff, students and the wider community, who remained dedicated and resilient in overcoming the difficulties faced, to ensure that our students achieved the best possible outcomes.

The governors and staff of St Michael's wish to acknowledge the importance of a strong partnership between staff and parents and look forward to continued collaboration to build on this year's success; the St Michael's family deserves to be celebrated.

Yours sincerely,

Colin Nicholls  
Co-Chair of the Governing Board

Kerry Thornton  
Co-Chair of the Governing Board

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