

League tables confirm Eden Girls as one of the best schools in the country.

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- 'Progress 8' Score of +1.28- the 12th highest value added score in the country.
- 'Attainment 8' score of 5.9 – well above the local authority average of 4.6 and national average of 4.4 points.
- 76% of students achieved a 'strong pass' in English and Maths well above national average. The local average was 42.6% and the national average was 39.9%.
- 88 % achieved a 'standard pass' in English and Maths.
- 58% achieved a standard pass in the English Baccalaureate, and 42% achieved a strong pass in the English Baccalaureate. The average grade in the English Baccalaureate subjects was 5.6 compared to the local authority average of 4.8 and the national average of 3.5.
- One of the best schools in the country for results by students from disadvantaged backgrounds and with low prior achievement from primary school.
- 89% of students from disadvantaged backgrounds achieved a 'strong pass' in English and Maths. Nationally, around a quarter of students achieve this.
- 61% of students from disadvantaged backgrounds achieved a 'strong pass' or above in the EBACC.

Students and staff at Eden Girls School Waltham Forest welcome the publication of the interim school league tables today, which places the school as one of the highest achieving in the country.

In the headline 'Progress 8' Score, Eden Waltham Forest achieved in the top 12 schools nationally in its first delivery of GCSE exam results. 'Progress 8' is the Government's main performance measure and reflects the value that schools add to the progress of students compared to their peers of similar prior ability across the country.

76% of students at the school achieved a 'strong pass' in English and Maths, while 42% achieved the English Baccalaureate. The average grade in English Baccalaureate subjects is 5.6.

The English Baccalaureate recognises achievement in a range of academic and challenging subjects. It is awarded to students who achieve grades 9-5 in English, Maths, Science, a modern foreign language and History or Geography. Nationally, around a tenth of students achieve the English Baccalaureate.

This was the first year when new tougher exams in important subjects such as Science, Languages, History and Geography – assessed using a 9-1 grading system – were completed by students across the country. A grade '5' or higher is considered a 'strong pass' whilst a grade '4' is considered a 'standard pass'. Tougher exams in English and Maths were introduced a year earlier.

The Government also confirmed that Eden Waltham Forest is ranked as one of the highest in the country for results by students from disadvantaged backgrounds. 88% of students achieved a 'strong pass' in English and Maths. Nationally, only 11% of such students achieve this result.

(Mufti) Hamid Patel, Chief Executive of Star Academies which runs the school, explained: 'As exams became much tougher in several subjects this year, the Government figures show that we are continuing to achieve amazing results with our students – regardless of their prior ability and background. What's really impressive is that some of our most vulnerable learners – those who have performed poorly at primary school and those who are in care or from low-income families – have achieved so well. That shows how we are really transforming lives.'

Shahina Ahmad, Principal of Eden Girls' School, said: 'Our pupils and staff put in a great deal of effort to achieve these excellent results which have set our young women for success in the future. Particularly impressive is the progress made by our most vulnerable learners. These super results sit alongside the other achievements, awards and successes such as being grand finalists in the Mosaic Enterprise Challenge which demonstrate the rich experiences offered to our girls.'

Ayesha Esakji, Chair of the Local Governing Body, said: 'The Governing Body and our whole community are delighted with the first set of GCSE results. They set the standard for future year groups. We achieved an outstanding Ofsted grade last year. Together with these results they give us the confidence that we have established something really special for young, female leaders of the future in Waltham Forest. I would like to congratulate our pupils, staff parents and community for this collective achievement.'

The academic achievements are part of the school's ambitious development of leadership seen through the winning of two National Mosaic Enterprise Competitions. In April 2017, the school was given an 'outstanding' rating by Ofsted inspectors in its very first Ofsted inspection.