

Chief Executive Officer UPDATE

Friday 20th October 2023

Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you today to share news of how well our four Trust schools are performing. Although we do not focus on exam results alone, with the personal development and of our young people, welfare, wellbeing and behaviour also being vitally important, it is still important to reflect on the academic progress journey of our schools.

The Department for Education (DfE) produces school performance tables annually with all secondary schools in the UK represented. The **End of Key Stage 4 Progress 8 Score** is how the DfE benchmark schools nationally, based on performance and their characteristics.

On Thursday 19 October, the DfE official provisional Performance Data 2023 was published, and we can feel proud that the hard work of our students and staff is reflected so positively for all schools in the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust (SLAT).

The link for all secondary schools in Lincolnshire and how you can compare is shown here:

- [All schools and colleges in Lincolnshire Comparison](#) (click link to open)

We are delighted to announce that the 2023 Progress Score for our schools below, which compares with a Lincolnshire average of +0.02 and a national average of -0.03. The provisional performance data scores for our four schools can be seen here:

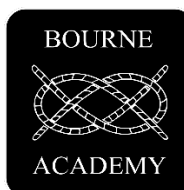


Progress 8

+0.67

- The **third highest** ranking school in Lincolnshire out of all schools (including grammar and non-selective schools)
- In the **top 5%** of all schools nationally
- The **top performing** non-selective secondary school in Lincolnshire
- The **top performing** secondary school in Spalding (including grammar and non-selective schools)

Spalding Academy is performing **well above national average**



Progress 8

+0.63

- The **fourth highest** ranking school in Lincolnshire out of all schools (grammar and non-selective schools)
- In the **top 5%** of all schools nationally
- The **top performing** secondary school in Bourne
- **Second highest performing** non-selective secondary school in Lincolnshire

Bourne Academy is performing **well above national average**



Progress 8

+0.08

- In the **top 25 of all schools** in Lincolnshire (including grammar and non-selective schools)
- The **top performing school** locally in the Boston area (with Cowley Academy), including grammar and non-selective schools
- In the **top 45%** of all schools nationally

Giles Academy is now performing **above national average**



Progress 8

+0.08

- In the **top 25 of all schools** in Lincolnshire (including grammar and non-selective schools)
- The **top performing school** locally in the Boston area (with Giles Academy), including grammar and non-selective schools
- In the **top 45%** of all schools nationally

Cowley Academy is now performing **above national average**

Of all the secondary schools in Lincolnshire, there are only 10 rated as 'well above average' and it is fantastic to see that two of these are SLAT schools, which is 20% of these schools.

This news for the Trust, demonstrates that our schools going from strength to strength and that our model for school improvement works, with all four Trust schools now performing in the top 45% of all schools nationally. This is a rewarding testament to the benefit of working as a multi-academy Trust and the hard work, dedication and strength of our staff and students.

The drive for continuous improvement does not end here, indeed results like this serves as the inspiration for even greater improvement in future years. Nationally there are 189 Trusts nationally made up of four or more schools, with SLAT coming 13th on this list, which is in the top 7%.

The progress made by the Trust has not gone unnoticed and I would also like to take this opportunity to share that we are very pleased to have the Regional Director and team from the Department for Education (DfE) visiting both Giles Academy and Spalding Academy on Friday 3 November 2023 to view improvements at two of our schools.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank and congratulate our 2023 GCSE and BTEC students for their exceptional hard work and also congratulate all our Trust staff and all our parents/carers that played a vital role in enabling this level of progress.

This highlights that the future for all schools in the South Lincolnshire Academies Trust is extremely positive!

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L. Conley'.

Mrs Lucy Conley

Chief Executive Officer

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