

# Chief Executive Officer

## UPDATE

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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.

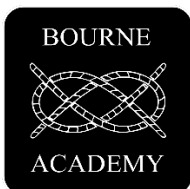
The Department for Education (DfE) produces school performance tables annually with all secondary schools in the UK represented. The **End of Key Stage 4 Progress 8 Score** is how the DfE benchmark schools nationally, based on performance and their characteristics.

In December 2024, the DfE official Performance Data 2024 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.

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 2024 Progress scores for our schools can be seen below.



**Progress 8**

**+0.59**

- Bourne Academy is the **top performing** non-selective school in the whole of Lincolnshire
- Bourne Academy is in the **top 6%** of all schools nationally
- Bourne Academy is performing **well above national average**



**Progress 8**

**+0.42**

- Spalding Academy is in the **top four** of all non-selective schools in the whole of Lincolnshire
- Spalding Academy is in the **top 10%** of all schools nationally
- Spalding Academy is performing **above national average**



**Progress 8**

**+0.20**

- Giles Academy is in the **top eight** of all non-selective schools in the whole of Lincolnshire
- Giles Academy is the **top performing** non-selective school locally in the Boston & Skegness area
- Giles Academy is in the **top 25%** of all schools nationally
- Giles Academy is performing **in line with national average**



### Progress 8

**-0.12**

- Before joining South Lincolnshire Academies Trust, the Progress 8 score for Cowley Academy was -0.59 (this is an improvement of 0.37)
- Cowley Academy is performing **in line with national average**
- The percentage of students at Cowley Academy achieving grades 5 or above in GCSE English and GCSE Mathematics increased by 10% in 2024

Of all the secondary schools in Lincolnshire, there are only eight performing 'well above national average' and it is fantastic to see that Bourne Academy is one of only two non-selective schools included in this group.

Bourne Academy and Spalding Academy are two of the largest schools and it is tremendous recognition to see them ranked as the first and fourth top non-selective schools in the whole of Lincolnshire.

One of the biggest improvements has been at Giles Academy who are now ranked in the top eight of all schools in Lincolnshire and are the top performing non-selective school in the Boston and Skegness area. They are also outperforming the majority of grammar schools as the second top ranked school in this region.

The progress at Cowley Academy has been very impressive. Before Cowley Academy joined the Trust in September 2022, the Progress 8 score was -0.59 and just two years later it has improved by 0.37 to now be -0.12. The school has recently made excellent progress in their results with the percentage of students achieving GCSE English and Maths at grades 5 or above has increased by 10%.

For our Trust, this demonstrates that our schools going from strength to strength and that our model for school improvement works. 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.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank and congratulate our 2024 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,

**Mrs Lucy Conley**

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