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Dear Dr Smith,

I am writing to convey my warmest congratulations to you, your staff and your pupils for your school's very high standard of achievement in the GCSE exams in 2015.

The percentage of pupils achieving five or more GCSEs at grades A*-C, including English and mathematics, shows that your school is one of the top 100 non-selective state-funded schools in England, and also showing the greatest sustained improvement in the percentage of pupils achieving the same measure between 2013 and 2015. Ensuring your pupils are achieving at least this benchmark standard of attainment at key stage 4 provides a strong basis for their further education and employment.

In addition, your school is one of the top 100 non-selective state-funded schools in England based on the key stage 2 to key stage 4 value added measure. This reflects the fantastic progress made by your pupils since the end of primary school.

Thank you for your work in these important areas of a young person's education and congratulations again to you and your staff for your hard work and professionalism.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gibb MP