

Dear Parents,

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THE SUNDAY TIMES' PARENTPOWER
TOP 20 IN THE COUNTRY! EQUAL FIRST IN
MATHEMATICS AND THE HIGHEST PLACING IN
THE SOUTH EAST OF ENGLAND

I am delighted to inform you that once again we have been rated in the top 20 prep. schools in the entire country. We still remain the only school in the East of England that has been in the top 100 prep. schools since this table was initiated approximately 15 years ago, which highlights the consistency of our academic success.

For your information, within the independent prep. schools, the league tables are formulated on the schools' academic results at Level 5, (which is the national guideline for children at the age of 14). This year the data that the government has produced is in a different format. The English Comprehension, Grammar and Mathematics are examinations that are externally set and externally marked. The English writing examination is externally set but *internally* marked and this examination is not moderated.

Hence, I was very surprised that this data was included when the Sunday Times formulated their league tables. I have now looked at the statistics of the top 20 schools without the English writing result and ascertained that, taking the data just from the externally marked examinations, we would have gained a position of 10th.

I feel your children achieve this academic success because they feel safe, secure and challenged within their school environment. I think this can be attributed to the incredible amount of time, effort and energy my staff give to every single child in the school and also the wonderful support mechanism we have from the governors, trustees and especially yourselves as parents. Your children have also amazed me as, not only have they performed outstandingly academically, but also they have participated fully in many other aspects of school life such as music, drama, physical education and charitable works.

The aspect, however, that gives me greatest pride is the fact that we are a non-selective school and your children still achieve these standards.

I am sure you would like to join me in congratulating the children and my staff in such an outstanding achievement.

Yours sincerely,

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Headmistress