John Kyrle High School
& Sixth Form Centre

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Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year!

The term has begun well with us receiving some excellent news. Our A-Level performance last summer has placed us in the top 5% of schools and colleges in the country. This is based on data from ALPS (A Level Performance System) which analyses the outcomes of 2187 schools and colleges across the UK. In her notification letter to us, Mary Ahern, Chief Executive Officer of ALPS noted, 'This is a fantastic effort and well worth celebrating, keep up the good work!'

We are really pleased. Success in examinations only comes through a combination of students working hard, good teaching and pastoral support at school, and the backing of parents and carers. As I have said before, so called hot-housing and teaching to the test simply do not work.

I would like to congratulate all our Year 13 students from last year. Many of them are now at universities and colleges across the county, in employment or training, and some are travelling as part of their gap year. My teaching and support staff also deserve praise for their hard work and their care of students. (They all know I am happy with them, and that is worth so much more than money!) Could I also say well done to our trustees for their unheralded work behind the scenes ensuring we have the staffing and resources needed to continue to be a top-performing school. Finally, and equally importantly, thank you to all parents and carers who supported their sons/daughters and the school during their time in the sixth form.

Within our mantra of 'Happy, Healthy, Successful' we operate to improve the life chances of young people. Clearly there is much more to this than passing exams. We want students to enjoy school, make friends, be tolerant, laugh, learn, persevere and give of their best. If they can also do things that get my face in the papers – job done!

Over the past week, I have had meetings with Amanda Spielman and senior Ofsted officers in London and attended a conference on school improvement run by the Department of Education in Leeds. There are major developments coming within the system. We will be selective in any changes that we make, however, as I am mindful of staff workload and confident that the systems we do have are effective.

I look forward to seeing you at school events this term. Hopefully I won't see you tobogganing in Tank Meadow as I really don't want any snow!

Best Wishes,

Nigel Griffiths

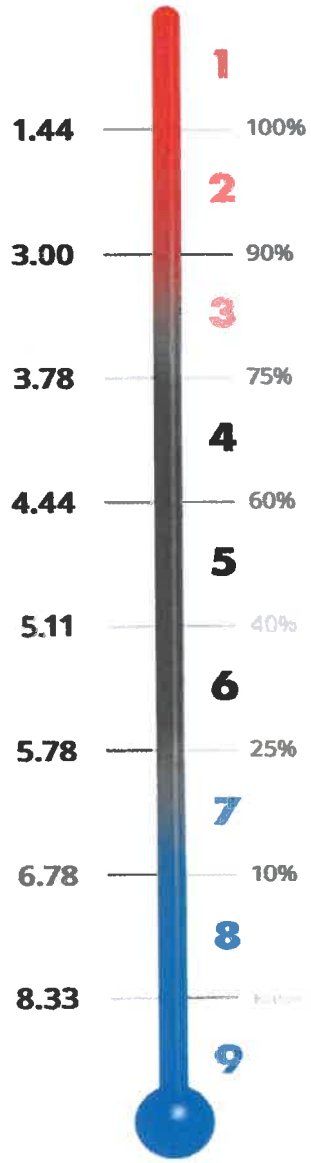
National Support School designated by National College for Leadership of Schools and Children's Services
Artsmark Gold Award Awarded by Arts Council England

2018 Alps Certificate of Outstanding Progress

John Kyrle High School and Sixth Form Centre Academy

TOP 5%
Nationally

3 Year
T Score = 2.33



Well done!

Mary Ahern
Chief Executive

National position compared to the A level outcomes of 2,817 schools and colleges in the UK

Alps Helping students aim higher