



Our ref: MM/HFT

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that Pudsey Grangefield School is the most improved school in Leeds City Council. We were extremely pleased with the significant improvement in our GCSE results in the summer and it is now clear that this will make our school one of the most improved in the region and nationally.

A key measure for secondary schools is the progress that Year 11 students make on their eight best GCSE results and in the Department for Education's recently published GCSE results, our rate has risen by more than double the next most improved school in the city. The school has made clear improvements in recent years and these were recognised in 2017 when I received a letter from the Chief Inspector of Ofsted, Amanda Spielman which stated that we had 'transformed all aspects of the school'. In the same letter (which is available on our website) Ms Spielman mentioned that we would be working hard to ensure all groups of students made good progress, including our most able students and those who are disadvantaged. I am pleased to say that the improvements we have seen across the school have had even greater impact in both of these key groups.

In addition to the improvements at GCSE we have seen our Post-16 results improve. We are particularly pleased to see that our pass rate for key A levels subjects is higher than the average for Leeds City Council, the national average and the two largest Sixth Form colleges in the city. A key part of this is that our Sixth Form is small enough for students to be taught in classes of around 10 students, compared to more than double this number in other organisations, but it is also large enough to run a full range of courses. As a result of this we have seen our Year 12 intake rise by 29% this year, taking our Sixth Form to 180 students. We expect this to rise further in 2019 to 214 students. This is an impressive achievement, particularly as many schools in the city are having to close their Sixth Forms.

Whilst we are pleased with the improvements in our exam results in 2018, the staff and students are driving forward to ensure that this pattern of improvement continues for years to come. We are looking forward to working with you all to inspire your child to achieve our vision for them which is that they are developed and supported to achieve their very best. We also want them to leave with great resilience and an excellent set of skills which allows them to lead a happy and fulfilling life. Our results in 2018 represent a considerable step towards achieving this vision.

Yours sincerely,

**Mark McKelvie**  
Principal

