

September 2015

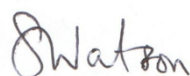
Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure you will have seen in the press how very well our Year 11 students did this summer, with 83% of students achieving 5 or more A*-C grades at GCSE including English and Maths and over 50% of students achieving A*/A grades. This puts us in the top 5% of schools nationally. In the Daily Telegraph's league table of the top 100 schools in the UK, we rank 29th which is very good to hear, although one Year 8 student asked me in assembly today 'why aren't we first?' I have promised him we will work hard to get there!

In recognition of the exemplary education at The Castle School, we have been designated as a National Support School (NSS) – a top role in supporting other schools. I have also been asked to be a National Leader of Education (NLE) to assist schools needing support or schools in transition to federation or academy status. These appointments are huge compliments to the school and our staff. We already have a significant number of both state and independent schools asking to come and learn from us and to have this recognised by the government is very rewarding. Every kind of school can learn from us especially since we have such a significant range of enrichment; this is what builds the character and resilience of the very wonderful young people we have here at The Castle School. Whilst it is a compliment to be asked and it is important to help other headteachers, I want to assure you that The Castle School and your children will always be my priority and their success and wellbeing is of paramount importance.

We are all looking forward to continuing our partnership with you and your children to ensure that all our students achieve their potential and enjoy their time at The Castle School.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mrs Watson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'W'.

Mrs Watson
Headteacher