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Dear Headteacher

I am delighted to congratulate you and your school on the excellent performance you have demonstrated at Key Stage 4 in the 2008 Achievement and Attainment Tables published today.

The results for your school show that you are amongst the top performing schools this year based on sustained improvement in 5+ A\*-C GCSEs (and equivalent) including English and mathematics GCSEs.

Nationally, schools have made great strides since 1997. Secondary school results are at their highest ever levels with substantial progress made in the number of pupils getting five or more good GCSEs or equivalent at grades A\*-C with [64.6] per cent of pupils achieving the indicator. We continue to see improvements in the numbers of pupils performing well in the basics with record numbers of young people ready for further education and the world of work after getting the benchmark five good GCSEs (A\*-C), including English and maths. The long-term trend is one of sustained improvement and the continued improvement in results is testament to the dedication of our teachers and hard work of pupils

Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your pupils, staff and governors for their hard work and success, and I send my best wishes for sustained improvement in the year ahead.

I am sending a copy of this letter to your local Member of Parliament.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Knight'.

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