**Academic Report 2020**

**Achievements and performance**

The academic year 2019/20 has been another successful one for Great Ballard. Pupils in Forms 6 and 8 have all performed well in external assessments and exams such as the 11+, and in their ISEB pre-tests, entrance exams and interviews to senior schools. In Year Eight, 4 of the 13 pupils were offered art scholarships to their chosen senior schools- Portsmouth Grammar School and Seaford College, and 1 pupil was awarded the Nock Scholarship - an academic award - to PGS. In Year Six, 1 pupil was awarded a sports’ scholarship, and 1 pupil received an academic scholarship to PGS and a Governor’s Presentation Award for English from PGS was awarded to another Year 6 pupil.

The 13+ Common Entrance exam grades achieved by the Year 8s were also very pleasing; particularly as due to Covid these had to be taken remotely. All pupils passed into their first choice senior school.

The majority of pupils in the Prep school achieved age related expectations in standardised tests with some pupils achieving significantly higher than their age. Due to the proportion of pupils we have with special needs, some pupils were below their age which is only to be expected. The MIDYIS and INCAS tests show that the vast majority of pupils in the Prep school have made expected progress in maths and English.

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