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Dear Parents / Carers,

St Mark's shines and tops the League Tables for the English Baccalaureate.

St Mark's is celebrating that yet again Government figures show that **St Mark's has come top of the Harlow schools' league table again for the number of pupils achieving the English Baccalaureate.** St Mark's achieved 36% with the National Average being 23.1%. In fact, St Mark's has now achieved the best Ebbac results in Harlow every year since the measure has been included in the league tables. Other measures, including destinations, show that 97% of students stay in education after completing their GCSEs – again above the national average.

Headteacher Elaine Heaphy said "League tables can be confusing with so many changes in recent years, but the message for us from these is that students at St Mark's, whatever their ability, are more likely to be following a demanding curriculum, following GCSE courses, making good progress, staying in education and proceeding on to university".

Furthermore, the school had much to be pleased with at Key Stage 5, with the tables showing that 79% of students completing their A Levels at St Mark's went on to University, compared with 48% nationally.

These tables marked a double celebration for the school arriving in the same week that Sixth Form student Elvis Anoma Amoabeng received an '**unconditional**' offer to read for a degree in Economics and Management at Trinity College Oxford; and Daniel Goddard received an offer to read for a BA in Modern and Medieval Languages at Queens College Cambridge. In addition, Niall Ramphal has been offered a place to read aeronautical engineering at Imperial College London.

Elvis said "I owe this to the teachers and the Sixth Form. The dedication of the teachers and their willingness to help is inspirational. I am so pleased to have studied at St Mark's."

We are so proud of all of our pupils and congratulate them.

Yours faithfully,

Elaine Heaphy
Headteacher