Chipping Campden School makes the grade

Chipping Campden School among the best achievers in the country according to the latest GCSE school league tables

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Staff and students at Chipping Campden School were celebrating after it was placed in the Top 100 highest achieving schools in the country in the recently published league tables for comprehensive secondary schools.

Chipping Campden School’s ranking is based on 76% of students achieving five or more A* to C grades, including English and Maths, in their GCSEs, jumping up 13% on the previous year.

The school’s Principal, John Sanderson said, “This achievement is testament to the hard work and dedication of the students and staff at this already high-performing school. Our unique location on the county borders means we have become the number one choice for families across the North Cotswolds and towns and villages’ of South Warwickshire and Worcestershire; we remain committed to delivering some of the best results in the area while nurturing students’ personal and social development.”

The secondary school league tables in England allow parents to rank schools according to the results of tests and examinations taken by pupils the previous summer and by a range of other criteria.
Performance tables are an important part of the school accountability system in England but some feel that there's too much emphasis on league tables rather than focusing on the individual needs of students and a broader education. Mr Sanderson offered a note of caution and encourages parents to look beyond the league table scores, as while useful, league tables alone aren't a sufficient measure of a school's quality and character.

“They don't necessarily tell the whole story or show talents of individual students. The best advice is to visit, look around and talk to other parents and staff. A visit can give a true reflection of the ethos and culture of the school,” continued John Sanderson. “Our curriculum gives students the opportunity to succeed in a broad and varied range of qualifications which enables them a greater range of options for their post-16 studies with us.”

Applications to attend Chipping Campden School and Sixth Form are welcome. To arrange a personal tour, and to discuss admissions, please contact the school on 01386 840216 or email office@chippingcampden.gloucs.sch.uk

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