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Dear Mrs Hopkinson

I would like to congratulate you and your staff on your school's achievement in entering 90 per cent of your pupils into the EBacc and 90 per cent of your pupils for a language GCSE in 2018.

The Russell Group has termed the EBacc subjects, including languages, as 'facilitating'; those that, when taken at A level, open doors to more degrees at university. They provide a sound basis for a variety of careers beyond the age of 16 and can also enrich pupils' studies, giving them a broad general knowledge that will enable them to participate in and contribute to society.

We want to ensure that every child, regardless of their background, has the opportunity to study the EBacc combination of subjects at GCSE, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 90 per cent of pupils entered for a language GCSE in 2018, your school is in the top 7 per cent of all state-funded mainstream secondary schools in the country, so far as language is concerned.

Your school's EBacc and language GCSE entries mean your school is providing pupils with a firm foundation in linguistic knowledge, as well as broadening their horizons and enabling them to embark on further study.

Thank you and congratulations again to you and your staff.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Gibb', written in a cursive style.

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