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RECORD-BREAKING LEAGUE TABLE SCORES FOR LEEDS-BASED TRUST OF SCHOOLS

The White Rose Academies Trust is comprised of the most improved schools in Yorkshire

Following the release of the **National League Tables for Secondary Schools**, **The White Rose Academies Trust** is celebrating **record-breaking progress across all of its schools**, which comprise of Leeds East Academy, Leeds City Academy and Leeds West Academy.

Leeds East Academy is now in the **top 25% of schools nationally for progress** and is **the most improved school in Yorkshire; the 4th most improved school in the country**. With a **Progress 8 score of -0.74 in 2015-16 to +0.26 in 2016-17**, the Academy has achieved a **remarkable +1.00 difference in progress scoring within one academic year**.

Principal Chris Stokes, who was appointed in December 2016: "We are absolutely delighted with just how far we have come with the support of staff, students and the local community. This is just the beginning; our ambition for Leeds East Academy is to see it placed **in the top 1% of schools in the country**."

Leeds City Academy secured its **best ever GCSE results this year**. It is now the **4th most improved school in Leeds with a progress difference of +0.50**. From a **Progress 8 score of -0.38 in 2015-16 to +0.14 in 2016-17**, Leeds City Academy is radically changing the future prospects of every child.

Principal Jackie Rose: "Our students have achieved some remarkable results this summer and this is testament to their dedication to their studies. I am hugely proud of our staff and students, because their persistent efforts to raise standards through inspirational teaching and leadership is truly investing in the future prospects of our community."

Leeds West Academy – 2nd most improved school in the West of Leeds, with a **Progress 8 score of -0.37 in 2015-16**, has now **increased to +0.01 in 2016-17**, offering a **difference of +0.38**. These rapid changes are due to an **all new and thriving leadership team**, who are securing substantially improved outcomes at GCSE and A Level.

Principal Christian Wilcocks, appointed in Summer 2017: "Our students have achieved on average one grade higher than in 2016, with our average grade moving from a D, to a C. Overall, the number of the top A*-A grades has improved by almost 5% and we have seen improvement in 20 subject areas, whose grades have improved at A*-A and A*-C thresholds. We are clearly pleased with these improvements, but will not be satisfied until we are amongst the highest achieving academies in the country."

Andrew Whitaker, Executive Principal of The White Rose Academies Trust, commented this morning: "These results mark a critical milestone in the development of The White Rose Academies Trust and our schools, which are embedded at the heart of our communities. Following the summer results, we are delighted with the number of young people who are leaving us substantially qualified and more equipped than ever to succeed in the next stage of their learning journey or career path. This is as a result of the new, high standards of teaching and learning which we have rapidly established in our academies. Our communities in the East, West and City of Leeds has our full commitment and assurance that we will not waver from our ambition to provide a consistent, world-class education for our aspiring young people. We are delighted for our students, parents, staff and most of all, delighted for the future of West Yorkshire."

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SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

LEEDS EAST NEIGHBOURS	P8 2016	P8 2017	Performance Ranking	Improvement	Improvement Ranking
Leeds East Academy	-0.74	0.26	1	1	1
Temple Moor High School Science College	-0.08	0.18	2	0.26	3
John Smeaton Academy	-0.13	0.08	3	0.21	5
Corpus Christi Catholic College	-0.22	0.01	4	0.23	4
Roundhay School	0.09	0.01	5	-0.08	9
Wetherby High School	-0.38	0	6	0.38	2
Boston Spa School	-0.08	-0.01	7	0.07	6
The Co-operative Academy of Leeds	-0.07	-0.06	8	0.01	8
Allerton Grange School	-0.37	-0.34	9	0.03	7
David Young Community Academy	-0.77	-1	10	-0.23	10

LEEDS WEST NEIGHBOURS	P8 2016	P8 2017	Performance Ranking	Improvement	Improvement Ranking
Abbey Grange Church of England Academy	0.05	0.38	1	0.33	3
Horsforth School	0.06	0.24	2	0.18	4
Lawnswood School	-0.44	0.18	3	0.62	1
The Farnley Academy	0.56	0.13	4	-0.43	12
Benton Park School	-0.07	0.06	5	0.13	5
Leeds West Academy	-0.37	0.01	6	0.38	2
Ralph Thoresby School	0.12	-0.03	7	-0.15	8
Guiseley School	0.05	-0.26	8	-0.31	10
Crawshaw Academy	-0.02	-0.3	9	-0.28	9
Priesthorpe School	-0.27	-0.34	10	-0.07	7
Pudsey Grangefield School	-0.29	-0.65	11	-0.36	11
Swallow Hill Community College	-0.73	-0.7	12	0.03	6

LEEDS CITY NEIGHBOURS	P8 2016	P8 2017	Performance Ranking	Improvement	Improvement Ranking
Allerton High School	0.47	0.8	1	0.33	4
Cockburn School	0.38	0.62	2	0.24	6
Cardinal Heenan Catholic High School	-0.15	0.44	3	0.59	2
Abbey Grange Church of England Academy	0.05	0.38	4	0.33	5
Carr Manor Community School	0.13	0.34	5	0.21	8
Lawnswood School	-0.44	0.18	6	0.62	1
Leeds City Academy	-0.36	0.14	7	0.5	3
Roundhay School	0.09	0.01	8	-0.08	13
Mount St Mary's Catholic High School	-0.24	-0.05	9	0.19	9
The Co-operative Academy of Leeds	-0.07	-0.06	10	0.01	12
Allerton Grange School	-0.37	-0.34	11	0.03	11
South Leeds Academy	-0.69	-0.45	12	0.24	7
Swallow Hill Community College	-0.73	-0.7	13	0.03	10

NOTES FOR THE EDITOR

The White Rose Academies Trust is a local trust dedicated to raising the ambitions and aspirations of young people. It is currently comprised of three academies which occupy sites in the centre, east and west of the city. The Trust is sponsored by **Leeds City College**, one of the largest further education providers in the country which encompasses **Leeds College of Music** within its organisation. Through the College's expertise and national and international networks, our Academies now offer highly desirable employability prospects within education and beyond.

The White Rose Academies Trust is the only truly local Leeds partnership of schools that share the same ethos and that have pathways into Further Education through a special relationship with Leeds City College. The Trust shares a mission with the college to ensure that all students attending the academies have very well-developed employability skills. All WRAT Academies also work in conjunction with local businesses in formal relationships which commit employers to supporting young people to understand and prepare for the demands of the world of work.

The Executive Principal of White Rose Academies Trust is **Andrew Whitaker**. Andrew joined White Rose Academies Trust as Executive Principal on 1st September 2016, with a personal determination that all White Rose Academies will become outstanding providers of education to the communities that they serve.

Andrew's recent work includes leading the transformation of Todmorden High School. For more details visit: <https://www.theparliamentaryreview.co.uk/editions/pdfs/TPR2016-Education-Secondary-North.pdf>

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