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**ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL
PUPIL PREMIUM AWARDS 2016: CONGRATULATIONS!**

Dear Mrs Keelan-Beardsley,

It gives me great pleasure to write to you and congratulate your school on winning a local award in the key stage 4 category of the Pupil Premium Awards 2016. I am also inviting you to submit an application to win the regional or national award. You can find out more at www.pupilpremiumawards.co.uk. The deadline for applications is 5pm on **Friday 4 March**.

The reason you have been selected is that you are one of the most improved schools in the country in terms of the attainment and value added progress of your disadvantaged pupils since 2012. Also, an above average percentage of your disadvantaged pupils achieved the EBacc in 2015.

It is clear that you and your staff have provided your disadvantaged pupils with a good start in life and prepared them well for further study, training or employment. I would like to congratulate your governors, parents and pupils for their hard work and success, and thank you for your leadership in making such a difference to the future success of your pupils.

Finally, I would also encourage you to share your achievements with other schools so that they can learn from your strengths and experience. You may wish to look at whether there are opportunities for you to become a system leader designated by the National College for Teaching and Leadership. You can find out more at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-college-for-teaching-and-leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Sam Gyimah MP
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