

A Levels 2023

Record Oxbridge success, and sustained growth in performance

Ofqual's <u>letter</u> in September 2022 clarified that this summer would see a return to 'pre-pandemic' grading. (2019 and before)

Within this context and set against the pre-pandemic A level outcomes of 2019 and before, our 2023 leavers (a cohort 50% larger than the one seen 5 years ago, and a third larger than in 2019) have achieved very strong outcomes, gaining Oxbridge, Russell Group, leading university and specialist college places.

It also means that they have continued the pattern of A Level results improving year on year (in nonpandemic impacted years) from 2017, with over half of all results graded A*-A.

| | 2019 | 2023 | 2023 including EPQ |
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| % A * | 16.3 | 20.2 | 22.7 |
| % A*-A | 48.5 | 50.9 | 52.4 |
| % A*-B | 82.5 | 83.4 | 84.3 |
| % A*-C | 95.6 | 97.0 | 97.5 |

Key points:

- 9 pupils have gained Oxbridge places;
- 40 pupils (more than a quarter of the year group) achieved 100% A*-A grades;
- 6 pupils achieved A* grades in all their subjects;
- 115 pupils completed an Extended Project Qualification, with 32% achieving A*. 90 pupils secured A* or A grades;
- Taken together, GCE qualifications stand at 52.4% graded A/A*, higher than any pre-pandemic year;
- Over 85% have been awarded their choice of university place with 76% opting for Russell Group institutions and 84% to top tier universities including Bath and St Andrews;
- 32% of offers were for STEM subjects;



With several pupils selected for prestigious arts colleges, alongside impressive places achieved in overseas universities, the headmaster has said:

'We are delighted to see everyone doing so well in their exams, and in their wider lives – often achieving great co-curricular outcomes too. Within the altered context of this year's examinations, we recognise a clear year-on-year growth from 2017, 2018, 2019 and are immensely proud of every pupil and the group.

We also see the huge amount of work and guidance given by ambitious colleagues and the ceaseless support of our parents. We wish this incredibly talented group of young people every success in their lives; they have been a wonderful part of our school and deserve every happiness.'