

18<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: A Level Results**

It is with immense pride for our students that today I can report that The Abbey School has achieved record-breaking A Level exam results, above anything that the school has achieved in its long history. The results confirm that the improvement in outcomes that we have been telling people about for several years, is very real. Indeed, our results are head and shoulders above what was being achieved in 2019.

More students than ever before have achieved top grades with pass rates at a number of crucial levels multiplying. Just five years ago, in summer 2017, there were no A or A\* grades at A Level in our school, but today I am pleased to say that there are a number of impressive students that have achieved this measure.

During the pandemic, grades were awarded using teacher assessed grades, causing some national allegations of grade inflation and inspectors refusing to look at outcomes when they visited schools. However, The Abbey School's A Level results this summer show a massive increase in exam performance to 2019, the last comparable year, and show clearly the trajectory of improvement. This has been achieved through the hard work of our students and parents alongside a focus on good quality relationships with staff, consistency and teacher authority within school.

We are extremely proud of the results of our Sixth Form students and their stunning achievements. This is particularly amazing given the fact that this is the first year that any of them have sat a public exam, and all have faced the huge hurdle of Covid. They have overcome huge challenges yet still knocked it out of the park. We now expect the number of students progressing to university to be at an all-time high.

Whilst exam outcomes don't define our students, they do provide our students with a huge sense of accomplishment and self-confidence. They can be a passport to future opportunities, higher salaries and better physical and mental health. We are extremely proud of the students and staff that have supported them. Well done to all!

	<b>2022 Exams</b>	<b>2019 Exams</b>
<b>% A*-B</b>	28.57	15.63
<b>% A*-C</b>	66.07	40.63

Our Sixth Form students act as role models to the rest of the school community. No doubt, their performance will inspire and motivate many younger pupils. For the first time in the school's history more than two thirds of all A Level grades were achieved at A\*-C. Perhaps more impressive is the improvement at A\*-A and A\*-B with twice as many students achieving these top grades than before the pandemic. This now means that we can offer a wider range of academic courses, and have even higher aspirations for our future sixth formers.

I am sure that you will all join with us and celebrate their achievements.

With best wishes,



Dr Rowland Speller  
Headteacher