

2015 GCSE RESULTS – An Overview

Outwood Academy Bydales report the best ever results in the history of the school! **73%** of students achieved at least 5 A*-C grades including GCSE English and GCSE maths, beating a previous historical best of 60% in 2012 when the school was judged outstanding by Ofsted.

A staggering **86%** of students passed mathematics at a C grade or above with **49%** achieving A*-B grades. These mathematics results are the best ever in the history of the predecessor Bydales School by 13% and early indications suggest these results would be achieved in the top 1% of schools with similar intakes. In maths **83%** of students achieved 3 levels of progress and **38%** achieved 4.

English results were also outstanding with **77%** attaining an A*-C grade, up 14% from last year and early indications are this is the level achieved by the top 5% of similar schools. **82%** of students achieving 3 levels of progress, and **27%** achieved 4.

Sir Michael Wilkins, Academy Principal and Chief Executive of Outwood Grange Academies Trust, said “I am extremely pleased with the exceptional leadership of the Executive Principal, Rob Tarn and the Principal, Andrew Wappat, particularly as students have achieved outstanding results. We are proud of all our students and the support given by their parents and carers, and all of the staff at and governors at the academy.”

Andrew Wappat, Principal, said “These are absolutely amazing results that put our students in a fantastic position for their future post-16 study and apprenticeships. They also demonstrate what can be accomplished when a school joins a successful academy chain, and when students, staff, governors and parents are fully committed to supporting academic achievement. The maths results of **86%** are incredible and 100% of students, for example, achieved an A*-C grade in Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Spanish, Business Studies and Product Design where 53% also achieved A*/A grades. Other amazing results include **98%** in Art, **96%** in Textiles. **92%** in Drama, **91%** in French, **90%** in Graphics, **89%** in Child Development, **88%** in Music, **86%** in German and Additional Science and **83%** in Catering. A massive ‘well done’ to all of our students and a huge thank you to the staff, parents, governors and the Outwood Grange Academies Trust.

Students who performed particularly well were George Brown who achieved 13 A*-C grades with 9 at A/A*, including A* in Physics, Chemistry, French and History. Jasmine Bishop also achieved 13 A*-C grades, 9 at A/A*, with an A* in both Art and Product Design. Ben Gibbin achieved 9 A/A* grades including A* in Additional Science and in Mathematics. Talia Kirkbride achieved 7 A*/A grades 4 B grades, and Ben Napier and Lucy Lillystone who both achieved 7 A/A* grades and 3 B grades.

Congratulations to students in other years who sat GCSEs this summer. Year 9 students Matthew Mendum and Levi Grange, and Y10 student Tom Pearson all achieved A* in GCSE mathematics. Year 10 student Dogukan Ozturk secured an A* in Turkish GCSE and Thibau Milen a C in Dutch GCSE.

A special mention goes to Josh Pearson in Year 11 who secured an incredible set of results in **three** languages, namely A in French GCSE, A in German GCSE and B in Spanish GCSE. Josh completed his French in one year, in his own time and at after-school intervention. He also self-taught and achieved Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) GCSE equivalent examinations in both Financial and Management Accounting. He then secured another ACCA qualification in Financial Accounting at A-level standard!

Well done to all our students, and the incredibly committed staff who have supported them. We are immensely proud of all your efforts!