

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Academy is celebrating another strong set of externally validated Key Stage 5 outcomes.

According to forecasted changes in national grading, tens of thousands of students face a likely drop in As and A\*s as ministers aim to return results in England to pre-pandemic levels. Despite the national picture of falling grades, our incredible students have continued to overcome adversity and secured transformational.

### **HEADLINE FIGURES:**

An exceptional 24% of A-Levels at the academy awarded A\*-A and 60% awarded A\*-B. This is compared to 25% and 57% in 2022 and 11% and 25% in 2019 respectively.

The BTEC picture is equally impressive with 45% recording a Distinction\* or Distinction. The number of students awarded Merit grades as increased from 83% to 86% between 2022 and 2023. This is in line with outcomes from 2022.

### **SUBJECT ANALYSIS:**

As you know, at St Mark's we offer a broad and balanced curriculum and are committed to supporting you to deliver teaching and learning of the highest quality. The impact of this CPD can be seen in the progress of our individual subjects.

- In Maths 70% of students taking this subject achieved an A or A\* and 100% of students were awarded A\*-B
- In Chemistry 100% of students secured A\*-B grades
- In Home Languages, 100% of students achieved A\* to B grades
- In RE, 100% of students achieved grades between A\*-C
- In Psychology, 100% of students achieved grades between A\*-C
- In A Level Art, students have secured outcomes that are well above similar students nationally
- In A Level Biology, students have made better progress than similar students nationally
- Students' progress is particularly strong in Applied Science, Business Studies and Health and Social Care BTEC.

### **STUDENT DESTINATIONS:**

The Academy is celebrating its first successful place at Oxbridge. SL was awarded A/A/A\* in Biology, Maths and Psychology respectively and will be taking up her place to study Psychological and Behavioural Studies as an undergraduate at Cambridge University this September. This would not have been possible without the expert support and guidance offered by Ms Hawley through the Oxbridge programme.

We are also happy to share the following destination data:

- 93% of students will be attending their first or second choice university.
- 75% of students have secured their first choice university place.

#### **KEY STAGE 4 RESULTS:**

According to forecasted changes to grading, nationally outcomes are predicted to return to 2019 pre-pandemic levels. Despite this, St Mark's GCSE students have been awarded a strong set of externally validated Key Stage 4 outcomes today.

At St Mark's we offer a broad and balanced curriculum and support our staff endlessly to deliver teaching and learning of the highest quality. The impact of this can be seen in the progress of our individual subjects:

In GCSE Maths, record numbers of students have achieved a grade 5+, despite the changes to national grade boundaries. Students in maths have made excellent progress from their starting points.

In BTEC Drama, 100% of students achieved a grade 4-9.

In BTEC Art, Business Studies, English Literature, Citizenship, French and Biology students have achieved outcomes that are well above similar students nationally.

Almost half of all students studying Chemistry under the Triple Science Award achieved a grade 7+.

We are extremely proud of each of our students; many of whom we are delighted will be staying with us and joining our Sixth Form in September. Others have secured apprenticeships or places at other local colleges to continue their journey of transformation. We wish them every success and pray that God guides them as they transition to this next stage of education.

I would like to thank teaching staff and Middle and Senior Leaders for planning high quality lessons for KS5 students and marking and responding to two PPEs. Their dedication to our mission of transformation for all has transformed a generation of lives.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful Sixth Form Team, Ms Bhadare, Mrs Haider, Ms Wilson and Ms Hopwood who work tirelessly to ensure that every child realised their God-given potential. These results would not have been possible without your commitment to high quality teaching, pastoral care and intervention.

Finally, these results would not have been possible without a strong partnership with parents and carers. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our valued families who offered love and support throughout this seven-year journey.

It is a privilege and honour to lead this community and the results do justice to the endless hard work of every member of the St Mark's family. Despite everything that our community has faced over the past three years, we have overcome these challenges and ensured that another cohort's future remains as bright and full as ever.

Yours Sincerely,



Hannah Fahey  
Principal