



St Mark's is once again celebrating another set of excellent GCSE outcomes, consolidating a 5-year trend of exceptional progress at GCSE. Our Provisional Progress 8 Score is +0.57, meaning on average our students achieve just over half a grade higher than national average. Despite the unprecedented challenges of the past year our dedicated students and staff have worked tirelessly to ensure that student grades were awarded robustly and fairly through the teacher assessed grading process. The grades awarded reflect the high quality, responsive teaching, strong work ethic and exceptional relationships between staff and students that permeate all lessons.

An impressive 21% of students were awarded grades 9 to 7 our highest ever proportion of students achieved the top GCSE grades equivalent to A/A*. The Progress 8 Score in Maths is an impressive +0.52, this is in line with 2020 results and means that students have achieved half a grade higher than similar students nationally, with an impressive 19% of students achieving a grade 7 – 9 (A/A*). English Progress 8 Score is +0.4 with students again making progress higher than the national average, with 78% of students securing a grade 9 – 4 (A* - C) Our basics 5+ measure is 32% and overall 59% of pupils achieved 9 to 4 in both English and Maths. Progress 8 outcomes for the EBacc and Open element are above average for the fourth year running at +0.72 and +0.62 respectively.

Year 11 have achieved a record proportion of Grade 9s (7%) with 52 Grade 9s awarded at GCSE. These are equivalent to an A** and mean that students have achieved outcomes that place them in the top 3% of students nationally. In the following subjects students have achieved grade 9s:

- ***Religious Studies – 13 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***Biology – 7 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***Chemistry – 7 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***Maths – 6 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***English Literature – 5 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***History – 5 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***English Language – 4 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***Design Technology – 3 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***Physics – 3 students achieved grade 9s***
- ***French – 2 students achieved grade 9s***

- *Spanish – 2 students achieved grade 9s*
- *Combined Science – 1 student achieved a grade 9*

As the only Church of England secondary school in the borough we are extremely pleased to acknowledge that 13 students achieved a top grade 9 in RE, with a progress score of +1.8.

Particularly impressive subject results were recorded in:

- *Triple Individual Sciences (studied by 20 students):*
 - *Biology – 95% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 100% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +2.1*
 - *Chemistry – 75% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 100% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +2.0*
 - *Physics – 85% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 100% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +2.1*
- *Religious Studies – 54% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 86% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +1.8*
- *Design Technology – 27% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 73% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +0.6*
- *Spanish – 26% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 70% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +0.5*
- *French – 22% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 66% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +0.5*
- *Maths – 19% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 63% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +0.5*
- *Music – 18% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 59% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +0.9*
- *English – 15% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 78% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +0.4*
- *History – 14% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 59% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +0.6*
- *Combined Double Award Science – 11% grades 9 to 7 (A*/A), 48% grades 9 to 4 (A*- C), Progress +0.5*

This year saw another impressive set of Level 2 BTEC results with 100% of students achieving a Level 2 Pass or higher. 20 students achieved a Distinction or Distinction, a total of 28% of the entire BTEC entries. Particular highlights include:*

- *BTEC Performing Arts – 50% Distinction*/Distinction, Progress +1.0*
- *BTEC Digital Information Technology (ICT) – 26% Distinction*/Distinction, Progress +0.3*
- *BTEC Business & Enterprise – 10% Distinction*/Distinction, Progress +0.4*

We would also like to celebrate the achievements of some individual students who achieved top grades in a number of subjects:

- *Sarah Takilt has achieved top grades in all GCSE subjects*
- *Reece Drakes has secured grade 9s in Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, History, Maths, Religious Studies and a grade 8 in Physics and a Distinction* in BTEC Business and Enterprise.*
- *Blessing Gnapi has secured grade 9s in Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, French, History, Religious Studies and grade 8s in Maths and Physics.*
- *Destiny Ibironke has achieved top grades in all GCSE subjects*
- *Viktoriya Pavlykivska has achieved top grades in all GCSE subjects*
- *Sirine Takilt has secured top grades in all GCSE subjects*
- *Kanusan Ilangkeeran has achieved grade 9s in Biology, Chemistry, Maths, Religious Studies; a grade 8 in Physics and a Distinction* in BTEC Digital Information Technology.*
- *Sara Maria Les has secured top grades in all GCSE subjects*
- *Sidra Mazar has achieved top grades in all GCSE subjects*

These results will now secure their future aspirations and enable them to continue their academic journey with us here at the Academy.