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Dear Parents and Carers

St Mark's Academy is celebrating its best ever externally validated Key Stage 5 results today. We have just watched students open envelopes that contain life changing grades with gasps and tears of joy.

Despite the significant challenges our students and staff have faced over the past three years with Covid related disruption, an exceptional **25% of A-Levels at the academy have been awarded A*-A and 57% were awarded A*-B**. This is **compared to 11% and 25% in 2019** respectively. We are also celebrating an **ALPS Grade 2**, which places our **Sixth Form outcomes in the top 10% of schools in the country**.

The BTEC picture is equally impressive with almost **30% of our students achieving the highest possible mark of a Distinction*** and **50% recording a Distinction* or Distinction**. This **compares to 5% achieving this top mark in 2019** when students last sat external exams.

In **A Level subjects, our value-added score is +0.1** and in **Applied General subjects sits at +0.45**. The latter shows that **our students make almost half a grade more progress than similar students nationally** taking these courses.

At St Mark's we pride ourselves on our incredible CPD offer that supports staff to deliver lessons and intervention of the highest quality. The impact of this CPD and hard graft can be seen in the data shared above.

As with every cohort, we are extremely proud of all students, however there are some notable successes that we would like to celebrate:

Student Initials	Grades (Note: D = Distinction)
AL	A* AAA
AM S	D* D* B
B M	D* D* A* A
C M – AAAB	AAAB
C S	D* AA
D M	D*BB (highest progress score of any student in 2022)
J R	A* A* D*
J P	AAA
K K	A*, A*, A B
K R	D* D* M
M A	D* Dist M
M H	ABB
S D	A* A*B
Y Z	AAB Dist



These grades have opened doors to universities like Warwick, Kings College London, Bristol and Cambridge. Students will be able to study undergraduate courses ranging from Law to animation and we wish them all the best as they leave St Mark's to achieve their dreams after 7 years at the Academy.

I am sure you will join me in thanking **teaching staff** and **Middle and Senior Leaders** for planning high quality lessons and marking and responding to two mock examinations. Their dedication to our mission of **transformation for all** has quite literally transformed a generation of lives today. The same must be said for our **world class Behaviour, Safeguarding and Inclusion Teams** who work in the background to remove barriers to learning.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the wonderful Sixth Form Team, **Ms Bhadare, Ms. Haider, Mr. Gyamfi, Ms. Hopwood and Ms. Wilson**- for supporting students' academic progress and wellbeing.

Finally, these results would not have been possible without the hard work of a highly skilled Data and Exams Team. A heartfelt thank you goes out to **Mr. Harrison, Ms. Rogers and Ms. Ahmed** who have prepared every child for exam entry and turned around data in a way that allows us to transform lives.

Our Chair of the Local Governing Board, Rachael Norman shared the following message of congratulations:

"Given that results are forecast to be lower this year, as an Academy you have clearly bucked the trend and once again delivered life changing results for your students. I'm delighted for you all, it is wonderful to see the transformational impact you are having as a school in so many ways. Thank you for everything you and the staff have done to make this possible."

It is a privilege and honour to lead this community and this set of results are justice for the endless hard work of every member of the St Mark's family. Despite everything that our students and you as staff have faced, they have overcome these challenges with your love and guidance as family members and their futures remain as bright as ever. Our ambitious vision has formed a generation of young people with both academic and character excellence who will be change makers of this world.

Thank you to you all as parents for working in partnership with the school as we serve to change lives.

Have a wonderful rest of break and I will be in touch later in the holiday with GCSE headlines and a reminder about start up arrangements.

Yours faithfully



Hannah Fahey
Principal