



## St Mark's Academy students celebrate record number of top grades

St Mark's is once again celebrating another set of excellent GCSE results that are an improvement on those in 2019, with many students at the Academy securing outcomes that are well above the national average.

Year 11 have achieved a new record of 55 grade 9s compared to 37 in 2019 and 17 in 2018. 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 – 14 students achieved grade 9s
- Maths – 5 students achieved grade 9s
- English Literature – 5 students achieved grade 9s
- Biology – 4 students achieved grade 9s
- Chemistry – 3 students achieved grade 9s
- Physics – 3 students achieved grade 9s
- History – 3 students achieved grade 9s
- English Language – 3 students achieved grade 9s
- Spanish – 2 students achieved grade 9s
- French – 2 students achieved grade 9s
- Sociology, Music and Design Technology – each had 1 student achieving grade 9.

As the only Church of England secondary school in the borough we are extremely pleased to acknowledge that 14 students achieved a top grade 9 in RE. A special 'well done' also goes to the geography and art teams, who have secured outcomes that are a significantly higher than those awarded in 2019.

Many students have achieved top grade 9s:

- Neha has achieved grade 9s in English Literature, English Language, biology, chemistry, physics, maths, history, Urdu, and RS.
- Jalilah has secured grade 9s in English Literature, English Language, maths, biology, chemistry, physics and RS.
- Carlos has achieved 9s in biology, physics, DT and RS. Keisha has achieved a grade 9 in English Literature, maths, French, history and RS.
- Caleb has secured grade 9s in maths, biology, chemistry and history.
- Alicia has been awarded grade 9s in English Literature, English Language, maths and RS.
- Sandra has picked up grade 9s in English Literature, RS and sociology.

These results will now secure their future aspirations and enable them to continue their academic journey with us here at the Academy. We will release BTEC outcomes once these have been issued by exam boards.

In a joint response to this year's achievements, Principal Lisa Peterkin and Hannah Fahey, Acting Principal from September, said: "This has been an exceptional year and has carried with it unprecedented challenges. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our incredible body of staff and students who have worked tirelessly to secure the 2020 Key Stage 4 outcomes. With record numbers of grade 9s and a Progress 8 score that is well above the national average, we are thrilled to see a number of doors open to our Year 11 students as they embark on their Sixth Form courses.

Rachael Norman Chair of Governors said: "The Academy continues to go from strength to strength and provides an education that develops students academically, spiritually, socially and culturally and these amazing results are a testament to that".

"The outcomes of all prior attainment groups, SEND and disadvantaged students demonstrate that we are a fully inclusive school and work through our values to insist on success for all pupils, regardless of their starting points. We wish our students all the best as they embark on the next stage of their educational pursuits."