

# St Matthew Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

St Matthew Academy came together this week to celebrate the incredible results achieved by our GCSE students building upon and cementing the successes of last year when students achieved the best results the academy has ever attained. Our GCSE cohort has demonstrated their commitment and dedication to achieving their potential and we are incredibly proud to celebrate their truly-rewarding and well deserved results.

Having achieved positive results across the board including an increase on combined English and Mathematics results 9-4: 72% and 52% achieving 9-5, there were some stand out subjects awarded grades 9-4 including; Combined Science: 68% and History: 81%, with Computer Science also posting impressive results of 77% of students attaining grades 9-4.

High achiever Ronan is celebrating his achievements of 8,8,7,7,7,6,6,6,6 and 6. On receiving his results he said: *"the staff at SMA have provided me with the encouragement, support and resources to accomplish my potential. Their sense of care is like no other and makes our school truly unique"*. He looks forward to completing the IB at Dartford Grammar and pursuing his dream of studying Medicine at University.

The students' inspiring results and drive to succeed embodies our academy promise: to enable students to become successful, confident learners; make outstanding achievements through our high standards and cultivate their ambitions to instill excellence for all, in our inclusive Catholic community.

Highlights of our 2018 examination results include:

- 86% of students achieved 9-4 in English Literature and 67% in English Language
- 74% of students achieved 9-4 in Mathematics
- 100% of students achieved 9-5 in Biology and Chemistry; 92% attaining the same grades in Physics
- 91% of PE students achieved 9-4; 81% of History students attained the same grade and 81% in Art and Design
- Students achieving grades 9-4 in MFL: 73% in French and 75% in Spanish
- Students celebrating A\*-C grades: Business Studies 88%; Textiles 88%; Product Design 83% and Media Studies 88%
- 65% of students achieved 9-4 in Religious Studies
- Many students celebrate fantastic post-16 provider placements, including St Olaves Grammar School, Coulsdon Sixth Form College, Dartford Grammar School, St Thomas the Apostle Sixth Form, Sacred Heart Sixth Form and Christ the King Sixth Form.

As Head of School, I am extremely proud of all of the students for their achievements and for securing such fantastic results. All students rose to the challenge of the more difficult GCSE grading system and I am certain that they will continue to flourish, on their journey of success. The results attained are not only a testament to their examinations, but the commitment, dedication and passion they have displayed over the last two years to build the foundations for their triumphs. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank staff for their ongoing dedication to our students and wish all students every success in the future – we look forward to welcoming you back as part of our exclusive alumni group.

For further information, please head over to our website for a full statement regarding results.

Yours sincerely,

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Erica is delighted with her outstanding grades, having achieved an impressive portfolio of 9,9,9,9,9,9,A\*,8,8,8 and 8; placing herself as the highest achiever at SMA this year. Crediting the dedication of teachers and the resources that provided ongoing support, she commented:

*"I would like to thank the staff for their never-ending sense of care and support at every stage of our GCSE's. They know every students' strengths and weaknesses to ensure we leave the school equipped for the next stage of our life".*



In September, Timic will begin studying Maths and Geography at college. With ambitions of becoming an engineer, he has laid the foundations for his success by achieving 9,8,8,8,8,7,7,7,7,6 and 6 in his GCSE's. Upon receiving his results, he commented:

*"The teachers at SMA have empowered me to work independently encourage me to pursue my dreams. My advice to younger students embarking on their A-Levels: take on board the advice from staff. They will prepare you for life after school".*



Not only did Jessica celebrate her fantastic results including 9,8,8,7,7,7,7,6,A,and A\*, but was overjoyed to learn she is one of the students to make the most progress during her time at SMA. As she embarks on her future at college to study History, Psychology and English, we look forward to welcoming her back as a member of our successful alumni.

*"My advice to younger students would be to take advantage of every opportunity SMA throws at you. It is an academy like no other, the ongoing support and resources, the availability of teachers whenever you require help and the personalised learning experience really contributed to my success".*



Raheem attained an impressive set of results in his GCSEs, celebrating 8, 8,7,7,7,7,6,6,5 and 5 and his entrance to a prestigious college in London to study Computer Science. With a future career pathway of programming in mind; Raheem attributes his success to goal-orientated thinking and the encouragement of staff.

*"Teachers are incredibly focused on supporting and helping students to improve and reach their potential. Staff instil a sense of self-belief in all students, and will always go the extra mile – their passion for their subjects make for a truly exciting learning environment".*