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# YATELEY SCHOOL



**Learning together – Empowered for life**

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Dear Parents

## **Learning together – Empowered for life.**

Welcome back to the start of the academic year 2019-20 at Yateley School. After only two school days, there is no bulletin this week but I would like to take the opportunity to write briefly and thank you for the very positive start already made to the school year. As a parent myself, I realise that those shiny new school shoes and stationery don't magically appear and getting children ready to learn again in September can take quite a bit of effort and preparation! It is all much appreciated. I trust that you have had time to enjoy the summer break and that all of our students have come back rested and ready to make excellent progress in the year ahead.

In particular, I'd like to pay tribute to our excellent cohort of new Year 7 students – the class of 2019, or perhaps 2026, depending on how you view it. It's great to see the Hall full again and they've made an excellent start to their secondary school careers. Here they are in the Hall on their first morning before heading off with their new tutors and tutor groups.



We have also had a number of significant site improvements over the summer – including refurbishing the girls' changing rooms in the sports hall and completely rebuilding the boys' toilets in B Block. These facilities are excellent and we expect them to be treated with the greatest of respect.

As you may have gathered from social media, word of mouth and press releases, we are absolutely delighted with our public examination results both at GCSE and A-level. There is real strength and



depth in these achievements and we are very pleased for our young people, whose life chances have been given an enormous boost from their own hard work, endeavour from teachers and of course from all the support they receive at home. Rather than give any further commentary, I've copied below the press releases for both sets of results if you would like to see the detail.

With my very best wishes for the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Paul German

**Headteacher**

### **Yateley School 2019 - GCSE results**

Years of hard work have paid off for Yateley students who are celebrating an excellent set of GCSE results. There has been a great deal of press coverage about the increased difficulty and rigour of the new GCSEs and whilst providing additional challenge for many students, this has made the whole process very difficult to access for some. In Yateley School however, there is huge relief as well as delight among students and staff. Key performance measures for the school have continued to improve and the number of students gaining 5 or more GCSEs at Grade 4 or above with English and Maths has climbed to 72% (up from 65% in 2018). Meanwhile the number of students gaining 5 or more 'strong passes' (grade 5+ with English and Maths) has risen by 7% to 48% in 2019.

Amongst the overall success and such an accomplished cohort, there have been superb individual performances. Top performing boy Sam Keys gained 7 grade 9s, 2 grade 8s an A\* and a grade 7. Top performing girl Ariel Shimoni gained 6 grade 9s and 4 grade 8s, an A\* and an A. Across the year group, 57 grade 9s were awarded. A fifth of all grades were at Grade 7 or above (an A or better under the previous grading system).

Along with improvements in English, Science and Humanities subjects, Maths improved once again as an exceptionally high performing subject, with 85% of all grades at 4 or above. Similarly, Child Development, Additional Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Music and Dance all enjoyed 100% pass rates. Graphics were once again exceptional, along with Art, Computer Science, Food Technology, Maths, PE and Religious Studies who all enjoyed 9-4 pass rates of above 85%.

Headteacher, Paul German paid tribute to the exceptional hard work, talent and dedication of staff, students and parents. "This is a superb effort from the whole team and I'm absolutely delighted with our results". Mr German went on to say "For the young people this represents excellent opportunities ahead and bright prospects; we are extremely proud of their achievements, made all the more so in such a challenging educational climate." "We continue to build on our successes and look to ensure that children of all backgrounds and abilities thrive at Yateley School."

### **Yateley School 2019 - A' Level/L3/BTEC results**

Students and staff at Yateley School are absolutely delighted with the continued excellent performance of their Sixth Form students in A Level and BTEC examinations. With a further improvement on previous results, over half, 53.2% of all grades achieved were within the coveted A\*-B range; an outstanding achievement and recognition of not only excellent academic standards, but also the progress made by students. Most importantly, an overall pass rate of 98% means that students at Yateley will go on to demanding and rewarding opportunities in degree courses and higher level apprenticeships. Amongst these, James Linton has earned a place to read Medicine at Cardiff University and Robin Shome will be studying Medicine at Manchester University.

Within a very accomplished cohort there have been outstanding individual performances. Oliver Ross is the top performer with three A\* grades, an A grade and secures his place at Oxford University to read Mathematics. He is very closely followed by Harry Jamfrey and Joshua Potter who both gained three A\*s. Exceptionally strong subject performances came from Mathematics (52% A\*-A), Physics (72% A\*-B), Child Care, Chemistry, Theatre Studies, Politics and Business Studies.

Headteacher Paul German said “I am absolutely delighted with these superb results. They demonstrate the commitment to excellence in the school and the sheer talent of our amazing students and staff.” “The outstanding rated sixth form has performed well at all levels once again. Educational quality is very high and with an inclusive offer that ensures success for all of our students.” The 2018 Ofsted report had said “Teaching in the sixth form is invariably very strong, and often exemplary.” These results demonstrate this perfectly. Mr German went on to say “I extend my warmest congratulations and thanks to the whole team who have excelled themselves and succeeded in setting our young people well on the way towards success and accomplishment in the future.”