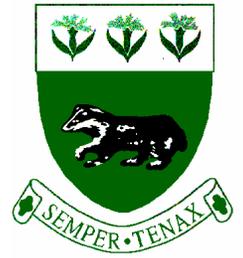


Bennett Memorial Diocesan School
Press Release
GCSE results 2019



Students at Bennett, an outstanding Church of England school, have again achieved exceptional results in the context of the tough reformed GCSEs, now graded 9-1. At Bennett this year 81% of students achieved 5 or more grades 9-4 and above including English and maths (where grade 4 is equivalent to the old grade C). Exceptional progress was made by students right across the year group. A third of students achieved at least 5 grades 9-7. With more rigorous standards established now in all of the GCSEs, students at Bennett performed exceptionally strongly; over two thirds of all grades awarded to this large cohort of 233 students were grades 9-5, the new strong pass threshold.

Headteacher Jon Sparke said: "I would like to congratulate all Bennett students on their brilliant GCSE results this year. Amongst many areas of success, we are particularly pleased to see the exceptionally strong results in the sciences and mathematics, with large numbers of students achieving the top grades 8 and 9 and so being in a position to study these sought after STEM subjects at A level and beyond. These results show, once again, that the progress made by Bennett students at GCSE is superb and will be amongst the strongest both locally and nationally. Students have worked exceptionally hard and these excellent results are a tribute to their commitment and endeavour. At Bennett we offer a traditional curriculum of high value subjects which taken together represents a genuine challenge, so these excellent results provide the strong foundations for the next stages of academic study and push still further the outstanding standards achieved at the school. Amongst these results are some exceptional individual stories of students coming from disadvantaged backgrounds and overcoming considerable adversity to achieve extraordinary outcomes."

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank their teachers and other staff who have taught and supported students so effectively, and also parents who play a key role in supporting and encouraging students throughout their school lives."

"Of course at Bennett we focus upon ensuring that our students gain a fully rounded education, with for example exceptional numbers completing Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme at all three levels. Thus the excellent academic outcomes achieved by our students should be read alongside their wider development. Indeed our commitment to developing students' character, values, grit and determination, all within a Christian ethos is what helps to make these achievements possible."

Amongst the very many stand out results, the following students all achieved seven or more grades 9-7:

Joe Avery	Mia Powell
Emily Boarer	Joseph Rhone-Jenkins
Matthew Coffin	Hannah Santry
Michael Donaghy	Louise Simpson
Charlotte Gerard	Oscar Smith
Dominic Hellyer	Emma Stevenson
Joshua Hillman	Emma Steyn
Amelia Long	Isaac Strand
Luke Marsden	Joseph Wells
Adam Pinnell	Lucy Whitby
	Elliot White

We wish all Bennett students well in their next steps and, of course, look forward to seeing the vast majority in the coming academic year as they return to study A levels following these excellent GCSE results.