



ST PAUL'S ACADEMY

Results Booklet 2023



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Congratulations to the Class of 2023

On behalf of the Staff and Governors of St Paul's Academy, we want to congratulate our Year 11 Class of 2023 for their successful outcomes in both GCSE and vocational qualifications. Although I have only known this cohort of students since January 2023, I have been impressed with the way they approached school life and their personal commitment to the academy in the way they engaged with charity, outreach, and enrichment activities. This group showed dedication to their studies and no small measure of resilience in tackling the challenge of meeting the demands of returning to pre-Covid standards in all examinations. This year group was part way through their Year 8 (March 2020) when the pandemic hit, and schools closed for lockdown. Further school closures in Year 9 and significant disruption from COVID related absence of staff and students reached as far as into their Year 10 and Year 11 experiences. In spite of all these challenges, they sat formal and taxing examinations with courage and determination. Their achievements are even more valuable than the grades achieved, while they will have developed qualities that will help them thrive in the next stages of their education and employment.

It has been widely reported in the news that grades have fallen across the country for the second year running with 68.2% of all grades at 4/C and above and this is reflected in our examination results this academic year. You can see this in the table below the changes nationally since 2019:

GCSE National Gradings and Outcomes 2019, 2021, 2022 - 2023

	2019	2021	2022	2023
Grade 4 Pass Rate	67.3%	77.1%	73.2%	68.2%
Grade 5 strong Pass	53.5%	62.8%	60.3%	54.4%
Grade 7	21..8%		27.0%	22.4%
Grade 9	4.7%		6.8%	5.0%

In addition, top grades in English have fallen 20% whereas Maths fell 12.1%. English – 18.8% were 7+ a fall from 23.5% in 2022 but above 2019 of 17.4%. Maths 21.1% were 7+ a drop from 61.1% 2022 and 53.4 in 2019. Grade 5 - in English was 55.1% compared to 61.1% 2022 and 53.4% 2019. Grade 5- Maths was 52.4% down from 56.6% 2022 and 50.1% 2019.

We have highlighted below the many successes and strengths in examination performance despite such a difficult national picture. Many students made huge leaps in progress and will have all they need for the next stage of education and employment.

As recently mentioned in the OFSTED report there are a number of improvements needed to secure the best quality of education at St Paul's. You will be reassured however by the HMI Inspector's comment that 'new leaders have an ambitious vision for the school' and have 'wasted no time in securing changes to the quality of education and expectations of pupils. This vision remains strong and is the first step in our plan to deliver an outstanding provision for all pupils at St Pauls from 2023 onwards. We will build greater depth in learning and more rapid progress for every pupil at the school through our new curriculum model which allows more time to learn Maths, English and Science, and adopts a three year Key stage 3, so that students master their learning and key skills before moving on. Weekly staff training and development will enhance this new curriculum offer and secure an outstanding culture and education across the Academy.

We wish the Class of 2023 all the very best wishes for success and happiness as they embark on the next stage of their education and lives.

Sheila Ward

Principal

GCSE Grades achieved by Year 11

Subjects	Entries	9-4	9-5	9-7
Art	42	65%	38%	5%
Biology	31	68%	61%	29%
Computer Science	99	42%	32%	8%
Chemistry	21	100%	100%	53%
Drama	41	52%	35%	5%
DT	23	14%	0%	0%
English Language	210	80%	66%	18%
English Literature	209	77%	62%	14%
French	5	100%	100%	80%
Geography	91	50%	37%	8%
History	92	53%	36%	10%
Italian	3	67%	34%	34%
Mathematics	216	65%	39%	12%
*Further Mathematics	13	100%	100%	46%
Music	14	86%	43%	21%
Physical Education	50	94%	82%	22%
Polish	3	67%	34%	34%
Portuguese	1	100%	100%	100%
Physics	21	100%	95%	43%
Religious Studies	216	74%	65%	38%
Russian	2	50%	50%	0%
Science CST	185	51%	28%	2%
Spanish	94	46%	25%	11%
Textiles	10	50%	0%	0%

*Further Maths - Level 2 qualification

Vocational Grades achieved by Year 11

Subjects	Entries	L2 Pass – L2 Dist*	L2 Merit – L2 Dist*	L2 Dist – L2 Dist*
BTEC Construction	21	81%	24%	5%
BTEC Dance	6	50%	17%	0%
BTEC Health and Social Care	38	74%	22%	11%
Hospitality & Catering	15	100%	67%	47%
BTEC ICT	114	84%	36%	20%
BTEC Media	23	44%	9%	0%
BTEC Sport	23	83%	31%	9%

Grade breakdown of GCSE Grades achieved by Year 11

Subject Name	Entries	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Art	43			2	6	8	12	12	1	2
Biology	31	1	1	7	9	1	2		5	5
Chemistry	21	1	4	6	7	3				
Italian	3		1				1			
Computer Science	99	1		7	12	12	10	31	22	3
Drama	41			2	2	10	7	11	7	
DT	23						3	11	3	5
English Language	210	6	9	21	43	58	31	34	6	1
English Literature	209	7	9	13	51	48	32	32	11	2
French	5		2	2	1					
Geography	91	1	2	4	11	15	12	31	8	7
History	92	1	3	5	9	15	15	17	14	8
Maths	216	3	8	13	33	26	57	35	23	15
*Further Maths	13	2	4		3	4				
PE	50	1	2	8	14	16	6	3		
RS	216	18	32	31	25	33	20	23	21	11
Spanish	94	1	4	5	5	8	20	31	10	2
Music	14				3	3	6	2		
Physics	21	1	2	6	6	5	1			
Polish	3		1				1			
Portuguese	1			1						
Russian	2				1					
Textiles	10						5	3	1	1

Subject Name	Entries	99	98	88	87	77	76	66	65	55	54	44	43	33	32	22	21	11
Science CST	185	0	0	1	0	2	10	14	8	15	13	21	26	19	19	10	6	2

Grade breakdown of Vocational Grades achieved by Year 11

Subject Name	Entries	L2 Distinction*	L2 Distinction	L2 Merit	L2 Pass
BTEC Construction	21	1		4	12
BTEC Dance	6			1	2
Hospitality & Catering	15	5	2	3	5
Health & Social Care	38	1	3	4	20
BTEC ICT	114		22	18	55
BTEC Media Studies	23			2	8
BTEC Sport	23		2	5	12

Grade breakdown of Early Entry GCSE Grades achieved by Year 10

Subject Name	Entries	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Arabic	2			2						
French	5		3	1						
Italian	1			1						
Polish	2	1	1							
Portuguese	1					1				
Religious Studies	48	20	18	7	2		1			
Russian	1	1								