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Summer Examination Results – 2018: Press Release

St Paul's Academy is pleased to report on the successful and well deserved examination results of our students.

This academic year has been the first year of the Reformed GCSEs and the new grades 9-1 for many of our specifications. These GCSEs cannot be compared to the old ones as they are significantly more rigorous in their content and most being examined terminally. Only half of the students nationally who would have achieved an old grade A* will receive a top grade 9 and the difficulty of the new courses mean that more than ever, students attaining the lower grades can still very much demonstrate their hard work and success. The government has made it clear that a grade 4 equates to the old grade C.

We are delighted to announce that 82% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in English and 75% achieved a grade 4 or above in Mathematics. We can report that 67% achieved a grade 4 or above in both English and Mathematics.

There are many other curriculum areas that have achieved outstanding results, for example in Religious Studies, 79% of students achieved a grade 4 or above with 69% achieving a grade 5 or above and 21 students achieving the top grade 9. Some subjects, under the Reformed GCSEs have seen a huge increase in course content which has presented many Teaching and Learning challenges. The examinations have been more demanding and we are pleased to announce that many subjects, notably English, Religious Studies and History have met these challenges with enormous success.

Results in Drama and Music demonstrate an upward trajectory which again, is extremely positive in this time of significant change to courses. As a truly comprehensive school that values its vocational pathways, we are also pleased to announce a 100% pass rate in Food Technology, Sport VCert and Construction, with almost half of those awarded a Distinction grade.



We continue to promote the benefits of early entry qualifications and advocate students sitting exams early when appropriate and where possible. 100% of students who took their PE GCSE early in Year 10 have achieved a grade 6 or higher. All 49 Sport BTEC students achieved a Merit grade or better. 100% of students who took their Mathematics early achieved a grade 4 or above and 86% achieved a grade 4 or above in English Language. This year, we took the unprecedented decision to enter ten Year 9 students for their Mathematics and are delighted to report that two of those students achieved the top grade 9 with the other eight students achieving a grade 8.

In terms of other performance measures, we would like to report that our English Baccalaureate Average Point Score is 3.82 and the average Attainment 8 for all students is 45.02. The Progress 8 score will be determined and reported later in the Autumn Term. We are awaiting how all measures will compare nationally and at borough level.

The achievement of all our young people is incredibly important and examination results represent only a part of our students' experiences at school. Our students' motivation and self-esteem have been boosted throughout the year, not only in curriculum areas but also by the Inclusion Learning Zone, the Raising Standards team and pastoral staff. The high quality results that have been achieved are testament to the hard work of the students, the dedication of our staff and the aspirational ethos that is promoted by them and in turn, supported by families. For the first time since our move to the new campus, all examinations were accommodated on the school premises. This has meant that it has been one of our best ever years in terms of care and provision for the Year 11 cohort supporting the improving or maintaining successes in such a demanding year.

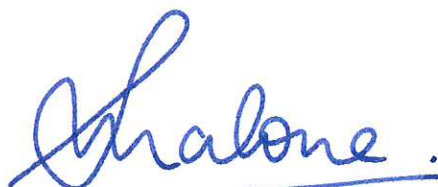
The staff of St Paul's Academy continue to strive to do their very best for all students irrespective of ability and in all aspects of school life. The collegiality of staff and students alike is to be celebrated and commended. We would like to offer our heartfelt congratulations to the students in all that they have achieved in the past 5 years at St Paul's and we wish them every possible success as they embark on the next stage of their education and training.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018.



Pat Winston

Executive Principal



Siobhan Malone

Head of School