

# Year 11 Exam Results



## Westwood College Key Stage 4 Results: August 2017

Westwood has a long standing reputation for producing successful students who achieve well.

Against a background of concerns nationally about increased thresholds for GCSE achievement and the introduction of new more demanding specifications in English and Mathematics, our students have produced some outstanding performances. The pass rate for students achieving 5 or more A\*-C grades (or equivalent) including English and Maths rose to 62%. Performance by students studying Level 2 Vocational courses has been outstanding with over 87% achieving Level 2 passes and nearly 52% at either Merit or Distinction. This level of performance has significantly improved the options our students have for their options post-16.

From this year onwards schools will be compared using a different range of measures to those used previously and the English Baccalaureate has become more significant when discussing school performance. This is a measure of the proportion of students who successfully achieve GCSE grade C or above in English, Maths, Science, a foreign language and either History or Geography. This year 36% of Westwood students achieved this particular combination of qualifications compared to a national figure last year of 24%.

A number of individual performances have been truly outstanding with over twenty students achieving at least seven A\* or A grades or their equivalent. The following can be particularly pleased with their high levels of performance (the number in brackets indicates the number of A/A\* grades, or their equivalent):

Alice Belfield (4,5), Courtney Bradburn (4,5), Lewis Colley (3,6), Tori Collins (2,6), Beth Cooke (6,4), Ben Crawford (1,6), Harry Day (4,6) Ryan Freakley (4,5), Evie Graham (3,7) Alysia Heath (2,8),

Poppy Hinton (2,5), Vicky Humphries (0,7), Elwyn Law (0,8), Alysse Lee-Orr (9,1), Beth Maynard (2,6), Molly Riley (3,4), Chloe Shiers (1,8), Amelia Swarbrook (1,8), Ellie White (0,7), Liam York (1,6).

There have been impressive successes across the year group and many have the right to feel proud of their achievements. Heads of Year would particularly like to praise:

Callum Allan, Kitty Faulder, Mollie Eardley, Poppy Haslam, Megan Johnson, Charlie Mountford, Megan Poole, Beth Shenton, Jacob Smith and Charlotte Tranter.

Students, families and staff can all take pride in these results. These achievements are the results of high quality teaching and learning, the high expectations we have of young people and the tremendous support of their parents. The majority of students will now go on to further success in the Westwood Sixth Form.

To everyone concerned – our most sincere congratulations.

# Sixth Form Exam Results

## **Westwood students continue to excel as A levels get tougher.**

As one of Staffordshire's top performing Sixth Forms we have become used to our students excelling, and we are really pleased to report that this year's students have again done themselves proud. This year's results include the first batch of new and more demanding specifications in a number of subjects and it is good to see that Westwood students have maintained impressive levels of performance across all areas of the curriculum.

Across the board students have applied themselves with determination and perseverance and with the commitment and inspiration of their teachers and support and patience of their families they have been rewarded with some superb results.

With 53% of all Level 3 examination entries returning a grade of A\*, A or B (72% A\*-C), Westwood students performed at levels that allow them access to all the top universities. Particularly pleasing was performance in some of the so called "facilitating" subjects with over half of all entries in Biology, English Literature and both Mathematics and Further Mathematics achieving these top grades. This success is shared in the creative subjects with over 60% of entries in Art, Design, Photography and Philosophy also gaining A\*, A or B.

We take pride in being an inclusive College and at all levels of ability our students can celebrate results of which they can be really proud.

The results for our Level 3 Vocational courses were outstanding with a pass rate of 100% and in both Health and Social Care and Business 90% of the students gained at least a distinction grade. The following students achieved two distinction stars or better; Dan Fowler-Hill, Mark George, Kloe Hambleton, Lauren Heath, Rebecca Stanmore, Adam Stevenson,

Fran Stonier, Charlotte Turner and Nikita Warwas.

Students on mixed academic and vocational programmes also did very well; James Humphreys achieved two grade A's at A level and a distinction star at BTEC, Shelley Liang gained one grade A alongside a distinction and a distinction star.

This year a record number of students have achieved at least an A and two B grades at A2 Level and particular congratulations go to the following students;

Lauren Alcock, Tom Allbutt, Alex Beardmore, Hannah Beswick, Keely Blanchard, George Curtis, Jac Davies, Caroline Evenden, Bethany Foster-Eardley, Clarice Hill, Emelia Hilton, Niamh Hine, Lily Johnson, Cameron Longbottom, Daniel Murray-Chadfield, Chris Morrall, Eleanor Poole, Amber Pryke-Hobbes, Eleanor Riley, Adam Shatwell, Elise Skelding, Anna Stoiljkovic, Megan Strutt, Daniel White.

Performance at this level has enabled students to progress to an impressive range of Higher Education opportunities including; Birmingham (Medicine, English), York (Languages), Nottingham (Politics and International Relations), Durham (Earth Sciences, Physics), Imperial College (Physics), Sheffield (Chemistry, Languages), Leeds (Fine Art), Loughborough (Product Design), Derby (Nursing) and Staffordshire (Education, Social Work, Sport). The list of Higher Education destinations for our students this year is every bit as impressive as their results.

We are absolutely delighted to see so many students do so well. Many congratulations to you all.