

High Notes



Friday 17th August

Year 13 Examination Results Issue



2018 – A-Level and BTEC Examinations

“Another impressive year of results”

Headline results figures

- ★ 50% of A-Level results were A*-B grades
- ★ 26% of A-Level results at A*/A grades
- ★ 9% of A-Level results were A* grades
- ★ 14% of Level 3 results were equivalent of A* grades
- ★ 39 students achieving the equivalent of 3 A grades or above in their A-levels or BTECs
- ★ 18% of A level students achieved AAB or higher in at least 2 “facilitating subjects”

Headteacher, Dr James Pullé commented:

- “Today we celebrate with the class of 2018 as they collect their excellent A-Level and BTEC results.
- Such high standards of performance are the result of the sustained hard work and commitment of every individual involved, so this is the occasion for all to enjoy the moment and cherish what their efforts have achieved.

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- Collectively these results also affirm the comment made by Ofsted in April that sixth form students at Wilmslow High School make strong progress on courses, which include a wide range of A-Level and vocational subjects and that outcomes for sixth form students are a strength of the school.
- Of course, examination results only form part of the outcomes from a good education and this cohort have participated extensively in our Wider Curriculum throughout their time at the school. As a result, we are confident that they have, in the words of CBI president Paul Drechsler “not just what they need to operate in today’s workplace, but the spirit of enquiry that allows them to shape tomorrow’s, too.”
- We know they will go on to achieve much more at university, on high quality apprenticeship programmes, and in their careers and we wish them well in the exciting challenges and opportunities that life will bring.
- I am sure they will join me in expressing thanks for the continuing support of their parents and the hard work and commitment provided by school staff over their years of secondary education.”



SNAPSHOTS OF DESTINATIONS

Every year at this time it is remarkable to see what a range of study or career pathways are embarked on by students.

The articles below can only provide a flavour of this year's trends. We are always looking to enrich and expand the range of advice and guidance offered through our Careers and Aspirations programme, so do please contact mvincent@wilmslowhigh.com if you have experiences you would like to share with others.



Engaged young citizens making a positive contribution to communities

- This cohort of students has demonstrated throughout their time in the school a particularly strong commitment to making a positive contribution to the communities they belong to.
- Local highlights include activities like building a show garden at the RHS Show at Tatton that then transferred to Handforth Youth Centre, working with Wilmslow Town Council on the development of youth projects and leading young people's input to Cheshire East Safeguarding Conferences.
- They have also shown an enthusiasm for youth leadership in national and international settings whether through Joe McBride being elected as a Member of the UK Youth Parliament for Cheshire East, or Georgia Brown, Olivia Willett, Scott Walker representing the North West region in the final of the English Speaking Union's Churchill Public Speaking Competition.
- Students from this year group have been members of the Bar Mock Trial Team that have reached the national final every year for the last five years. They have also been keen participants in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme contributing to the school being one of the five largest centres in the north west.
- Similarly, many students in this year group participated in the recent Camps International Expedition to Equador and the Galapagos Islands, have visited Washington DC, New York and Moscow on history and politics visits and have competed in many weekend Model United Nations Conferences.
- These experiences have supported degree destinations such as:
 - ❑ History – Cambridge, Lancaster, Leeds and Nottingham
 - ❑ Law – Newcastle and the University of Law
 - ❑ Modern Languages – Portsmouth, Sheffield and York
 - ❑ Philosophy – Leeds
 - ❑ Politics & International Relations – Bath





STEM opportunities attract Wilmslow High students

- Wilmslow High School's longstanding track record of high quality learning opportunities for students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) results in healthy recruitment to sixth form courses in these subjects and powerful progression onto STEM degree courses and apprenticeship programmes
- For example, with a significantly above national average % of A*B grades being achieved by student in mathematics, chemistry and physics a substantial number of our students are attracted to the following engineering degrees:
 - ❑ Automotive Engineering at Sheffield Hallam
 - ❑ Architectural Engineering at Loughborough
 - ❑ Chemical Engineering at Cambridge, Manchester and Leeds
 - ❑ Construction Management at Northumbria
 - ❑ Information and Electronic Engineering at Imperial College London
 - ❑ Mechanical Engineering at Leeds and Sheffield Hallam
- The health and medical sciences sector is well represented by:
 - ❑ Medicine at Keele and Manchester
 - ❑ Biomedical sciences at Bristol and York
 - ❑ Midwifery at York
 - ❑ Pharmacy at Lincoln
 - ❑ Psychology at Leeds, MMU and Sheffield
 - ❑ Neuroscience at UCL, Leeds and Nottingham
- The traditional STEM disciplines remain popular. For example:
 - ❑ Natural Science at UCL and Cambridge
 - ❑ Maths / Statistics at Nottingham and Bristol
 - ❑ Biology at Leeds, Newcastle and Oxford Brookes
- While the application of mathematics draws students to:
 - ❑ Economics at Nottingham, Leeds and Sheffield



Our recently launched Business Partners Programme encourages our students to adopt an enterprising and professional mindset

- Launched by the Right Hon Esther McVey at the inaugural networking event on 23rd June 2018, Wilmslow High School's Business Partner Programme is already making its mark in encouraging an enterprising and professional mindset among students.
 - ❑ <http://www.businesspartner.org.uk/>
 - ❑ <https://tinyurl.com/yb5szl7h>
 - ❑ <https://tinyurl.com/ycvhg8bc>
- Throughout 2017-2018 the Aspire High Encounters Events saw guest speakers from the fields of medicine, business, engineering, law, police, accountancy, sport and education make presentations to students who had applied to attend
- This network of businesses also provides our students with experience of CV writing and interview, work placements and support for entrepreneurial competitions like the Dragons' Den and Young Enterprise
 - ❑ <https://tinyurl.com/ycarxhav>
- Such experiences help prepare students to make strong applications to degrees in accountancy and finance (6 students), business and enterprise (20 students), law and criminology (8 students) and marketing (8 students).



Apprenticeship routes are increasingly a first-choice for Wilmslow High School students

- The drive to increase the number of students and parents who see apprenticeships as the first choice for post-18 progression appears to be having an impact both nationally and locally:
 - ❑ <https://www.tes.com/news/apprenticeship-preferred-option-over-he-half-parents>
- Our Business Partners Programme has also provided invaluable support for students interested in this route with local recruitment expert Grazyna Moore providing personalised and group support with the preparation of CVs, covering letters and for interviews
- Four examples of prestigious apprenticeships secured this year include:
 - ❑ Degree apprenticeship with AstraZeneca – Joseph Southern
 - ❑ Degree apprenticeship with Thales Software Development – Rory Stobart
 - ❑ Level 3 apprenticeship in Marketing with Xbox at Microsoft – Frank Wilson
 - ❑ Level 3 IT apprenticeship with Royal London – George Harrison

Pathways in the arts, design, media and performance

- Arts Foundation courses continue to recruit well with MMU the most popular destination
- Design flair can be seen in fashion courses at Liverpool John Moores, graphic and product design courses at Sheffield Hallam
- Media and performance routes include sound engineering, musical theatre and freelance musical performance

Wilmslow High School's sporting tradition remains strong

- Many of our students are keen to pursue sport as a career and over 20 of this year's cohort are going on to sports-related apprenticeships, elite competitor training programmes, employment or university courses.
- The university courses include Sport Rehabilitation, Sport Business/Marketing, Exercise Science and courses supporting elite performers at Loughborough University and in the USA.

All in all, an excellent set of results and destinations for Wilmslow High School students and we wish them all the best in their future endeavours.



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