

High Notes



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Special Edition



High performance in the new 9-1 grade GCSEs and 51 grade 9s achieved in English and mathematics

Following an excellent set of A-Level results that have already been judged “outstanding” by the highly regarded Advanced Level Performance System (ALPS), Wilmslow High School is delighted with the results published for the first reformed GCSE qualifications with their more challenging subject content and new 9-1 grading scale.

With 80% of Wilmslow High School students gaining a grade 4 or above in English Language, 83% in English Literature and 78% in mathematics, performance in the key threshold of Level 2 English and mathematics has improved to 76%.

The performance of the highest attainers is especially strong with 29% of our students gaining a grade 7 or above in English Language, 30% in English Literature and 28% in mathematics.

Particularly impressive are the number of the new highest grade 9s that have been awarded with 13 in English Language, 22 in English Literature and 16 in mathematics, representing top national performance.

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Dr James Pullé, Headteacher, congratulated students on their achievements and thanked staff for their hard work:

“Today brings the culmination of three years of planning, study and practice for both students and staff. These reformed GCSEs have brought significant changes in subject content, examination processes and the grading system. They have been introduced by the government at a high pace and there have only been a limited number of specimen examination papers for students to practice and staff to mark. As these results show, our school community has risen to the challenge impressively. Year 11 have heard much from us about having high expectations in terms of work

ethic and being determined to push performance beyond personal bests. Very well done to the students for the character they have shown throughout and a big thank you to the staff for their commitment to the pursuit of excellence.”



Ms Ruth Powley, Deputy Headteacher, commented:

“We are incredibly proud of all of our students for their hard work and achievements. The vast majority of our students took full opportunity of the wide range of exam preparation opportunities that we offered in the run-up to the exams, and it is fantastic to see their efforts pay off.”



Director of English, Mr Spence said, *“We are delighted with the way our Year 11 students have responded to the challenge of the new English Language and Literature GCSEs. Alongside many excellent results across these two English examinations, there were a total of 35 Grade 9s, the new grade designed to recognise the very highest performing students across the whole country.”*

Subject Performance Highlights

There are impressive performances across all 41 of the qualifications we offer at GCSE level.

The following subjects have all seen over 25% of the grades achieved at A*A or 9-7

- Additional Maths
- Computer Science
- Dance
- Drama
- English Language
- English Literature
- Food Technology
- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Mathematics
- PE
- RE
- Spanish
- Statistics
- Textiles



Over 75% of all examination results in the three separate sciences were at A*A grade:

- Biology – 78%
- Chemistry – 76%
- Physics – 81%

The following English Baccalaureate humanities and language subjects all saw over 78% of grades achieved at A*C:

- French
- Geography
- German
- History
- Spanish

Members of the public will have the opportunity to see some of the excellent art and design work produced by our GCSE and A-Level students in the exhibition being held at the United Reform Church as part of the Wilmslow Art Trail during the weekend of 13-15th October 2017.

In addition to high performance in competitions and fixtures, the school's sports specialism also promotes high achievement in the qualifications we offer:

- BTEC Sport – 81% of grades equivalent to A*C
- GCSE PE – 90% of grades at A*C with 44% at A*A

Student attainment highlights

To attain Grade 9 in all three subjects of the new 9-1 GCSE grading system is an exceptional achievement. For almost 1% of this year group to perform at this level is remarkable. Our particular congratulations therefore go to:

- Kynaston Jacinta
- Skidmore Megan
- Smith Conor

Similarly we are delighted to join the following students in celebrating their achievement of 7 or more GCSE grades of 9-7 or A*A:

Acreman, Dennis	McDonald, Amelia
Aitken, Finley	Moss, Rebecca
Bartlett, Patrick	Mulroy, Rachel
Boxer, Emma	O'Malley, Bethan
Breitwieser, Maximilian	Peart, Luke
Cook, Juliet	Pugh, Nathan
Coulson, Jessica	Quiroz, Paula
Cowen, Tenniel	Revell, Amy
Craft, James	Senior, Billy
Craven, Harry	Shaanoun, Sara
Croft, Molly	Sherrington, Georgia
Daniel, Samantha	Short, Emily
Ellacott, Angelina	Skidmore, Megan
French, Olivia	Sloyan Isobel
Gaskin, Emily	Smith, Conor
Gerrard, Charlotte	Smith, Eve
Gill, Madison	Storer, Amelia
Greig, Lucy	Thorley, Rebecca
Hawtin, Samuel	Walton, Anna
Hirst, Harrison	Waterfield, Max
Hogg, Freya	Wheeler, Joshua
Jarvis, Amber	Whitham, Oliver
Kerner, Grace	Ton, Jacques
Kraunsoe, Charlotte	
Kynaston, Jacinta	
Lawlor, Sophie	
Leask, Emma	

Whole education highlights

Mr Mark Vincent, Assistant Headteacher (Curriculum and Community) commented:

“As a school that believes strongly in the power of a “whole education” to prepare young people for all that life will bring, Wilmslow High School always regards GCSE results day as a moment to celebrate the full range of our students’ aspirations and achievements. This year group, throughout their time at the school, have participated fully and performed highly across the full range of our wider curriculum. Their many achievements in national competitions, local events and moments of personal commitment have all been previously recognised through school publications and the local media but this is a good moment congratulate them collectively.

The students collecting their results today will now be taking the next steps in their education or training in the school sixth form, at college or in an apprenticeship. Whatever their destination we thank them for their contribution to school life over the last five years and wish them well for the future.”

Some highlights from this cohort’s time in the school:

<http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/news/article/15477/mock-trial-team-raise-the-bar-in-national-final>

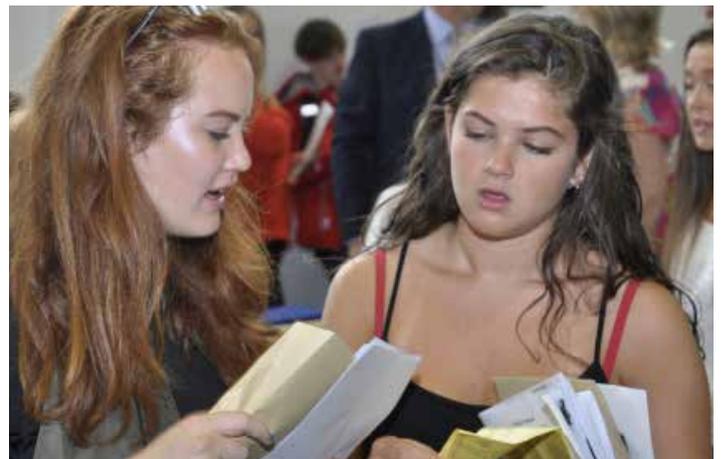
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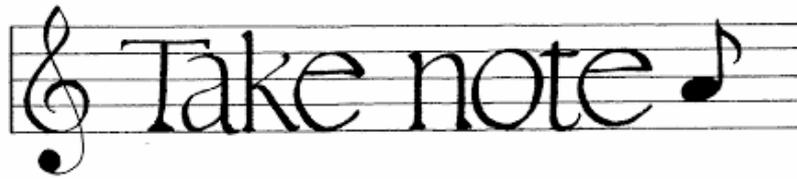
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<http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/news/article/14714/wilmslow-high-school-amongst-the-best-at-sport>

<http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/news/article/16082/ellie-goes-a-cut-above-to-raise-1000-for-children-with-cancer>

<http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/news/article/15800/students-host-election-debate-while-public-hustings-will-take-place-tomorrow>





Magic Voices Raising Money for Wilmslow United Reformed Church

The 80 strong choir made up of singers aging from 18 to 90 and lead by ex-Wilmslow High teacher Mr Mike Bramhall are performing at the:

**Wilmslow United Reformed Church
Saturday 16th September at 7.30pm.**

They are hoping to raise money towards the funding of a complete renewal undercroft in it's Victorian building. This new area will provide much needed community space and enable Wilmslow Youth to host evening events for local young people.

Matt Williamson, youth work consultant commented *"The concert is a great opportunity to raise funds and awareness about Wilmslow Youth and we hope the church will be full. Those who have heard Magic Voices before know this is a treat not to be missed."*

Tickets are £10 which includes wine, soft drinks and nibbles at the interval and are on sale from the church on 01625 532600 or on the door.

for further information please click on this link:
<http://www.wilmslow.co.uk/news/article/16261/choir-concert-to-support-creation-of-community-space>