

GCSE Success at King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School

This year's GCSE cohort has much to celebrate after a very challenging and disrupted period of education. They have worked very hard with their teachers, whether in school or out, face-to-face or via online lessons, and they rose with cheerful determination to a demanding series of assessments when traditional examinations were cancelled. Their efforts have been amply rewarded with outstanding outcomes for many, and with an overall pass rate of 99.8%. 33% of entries were at grade 9 to 8, 62.1% at grade 9 to 7, 87% at grade 9 to 6, 97% at grade 9 to 5 and 99.8% at grade 9 to 4. Our Progress 8 score was 0.91 and our Attainment 8 score was 72.2. This is a wonderful achievement and the HGS community can be rightly proud.

Arjun Kalirai, Samuel Patel and Dharam Rana all attained straight 9 grades in all their subjects. Eight students attained all 9 to 8 grades and twenty-four students attained all 9 to 7 grades. Despite the pandemic, we ensured that our students enjoyed a wide choice of academic courses as well as sporting and enrichment opportunities. In addition to their studies, this year group have stood out for their resilience, positive outlook, commitment to charity fundraising and the support of others during the pandemic.

Our students can all be very proud of what they have achieved, working closely with their teachers and support staff, supported by their parents and displaying remarkable maturity and dedication during such an uncertain period. They can now look forward confidently to the next stage of their education, benefiting from the many opportunities of our exciting Enrichment programme. Our Sixth Form is a very happy and ambitious part of our community, and Handsworth Grammar's reputation for high academic standards and attentive, compassionate pastoral care has this year attracted more newcomers to apply than ever.

These excellent GCSE results follow the very high standards achieved by our A level candidates this year: nearly 45% A*A grades and 70% A*A B grades and a pass rate of 99.8%.

Dr Bird

Headmaster

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