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The St Mary's School, Cambridge community celebrated another cohort of confident students receiving the GCSE and A Level results required to propel them into a range of academic, creative and philanthropic pursuits.

We emphasise each young person's uniqueness, and place substantial value on instilling in the girls a curious, creative and confident spirit that will, alongside their academic accomplishments and the skills they have gained, motivate and equip them for life beyond school – to create and pursue their own path to fulfilment.

The 2016/2017 GCSE and A Level cohorts demonstrated academic diversity by performing consistently well in public examinations across a remarkably broad range of subjects.

At GCSE level a fifth of students achieved all A*/A grades or equivalent (grades 9 – 7 under the new system), and 86% of all papers were awarded at A* - B.

Our Sixth Form students' results were equally celebrated, with a quarter of students achieving all A*/A grades, and almost three quarters of all papers awarded at A* - B.

Students are encouraged and supported in pursuing the specific range of subjects that best suits their interests, talents, and ambition for the future, and whichever combination of subjects students choose, we work to instil in the girls a sense of personal endeavour, intellectual curiosity and preparation for life beyond school.



GCSE results

The first St Mary's School, Cambridge cohort to take GCSEs under the new 9 to 1 grading scheme received excellent results – including Daisy M. who achieved three of the new grade 9 awards alongside an impressive eight A grades.*

In those subjects graded under the new scheme – English Language, English Literature, and Mathematics – 13% of English Language papers were awarded the new top grade, against 2% nationally, and 9% of Mathematics papers were also awarded a grade 9, against 3% nationally.

With uptake in foreign language qualifications in a state of decline nationally, our students' interest and performance in a range of foreign languages tells a different story. 86% of Latin results and 83% of German results were awarded the top A* grade, and 81% of Spanish papers were awarded at A*/A.

Students taking humanities and arts subjects also achieved exceptional grades, showing the school's success across the board, with 92% of History students achieving A*/A grades, and 91% of Art and 89% of Music students respectively achieving A*/A grades.



A Level results

With the uncertainty generated by the introduction of new assessment arrangements for many of the A Level subjects offered, 45% of papers were awarded at A/A grade and 71% at A* - B, with a quarter of students achieving all A*/A grades in their A Levels.*

These results will enable them to continue to pursue a breadth of ambitious pursuits in the world of Higher Education, of work, of apprenticeships, of travel and personal development.

The results show that the school equally encourages and inspires its students in pursuing and excelling in all subjects.

Highlights

- 77% of students secured their first-choice university place
- French was the school's top performing subject with 100% achieving an A* grade
- All students taking English Language and Photography achieved an A*/A grade
- 100% of students achieved an A*-B grade in Further Mathematics, History, Economics and Music
- Students performed well in sciences too, with 100% of Computer Science students and 83% of Chemistry students achieving A* - B grades

Recent leaver Honora D. joined the school in Reception and was one of the school's top A Level performers, achieving three A* grades (Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics) to read Chemical Engineering at University College London:

"The school has been hugely supportive of me in pursuing my interest in STEM and in my decision to apply to read Chemical Engineering – but then the teachers also spur us on in all of our ambitions and extra-curricular pursuits too. I've been just as encouraged in my musical commitments and to join the school's rowing team during Sixth Form."



Higher Education destinations 2016/2017

- Aston University
- City, University of London
- Coventry University
- Durham University
- École hôtelière de Lausanne, Switzerland
- Goldsmiths, University of London
- Imperial College London
- King's College London
- Lancaster University
- Newcastle University
- Northumbria University
- Royal Agricultural University
- Royal Holloway, University of London
- University College London
- University of Bath
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- University of Cambridge
- University of Chester
- University of East Anglia
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Exeter
- University of Manchester
- University of Nottingham
- University of Reading
- University of Roehampton
- University of Southampton
- University of St Andrews
- University of Warwick
- University of York

Higher Education courses 2016/2017

- Accounting & Finance
- Agriculture & Farm Management
- Architecture
- Biological Science
- Business
- Chemical Engineering
- Classical Civilisation
- Classics
- Dentistry
- Drama & Theatre Arts
- English
- English Language & Linguistics
- English Language & Literature
- English Literature & Drama
- French & Hispanic Studies
- Geography
- Geography & International Development
- Geography & Planning
- Geography (Science)
- History
- Human Geography
- International Hospitality Management
- Management
- Nutrition & Dietetics
- Philosophy
- Philosophy, Politics and Economics
- Politics
- Primary Teaching (General)
- Psychology

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