

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Welling School Sixth Form Results 2023**

We are delighted to be able to share our students' achievements after receiving the first set of results for this year's examination series.

The Sixth Form curriculum at Welling School offers a number of pathways beyond the traditional route meaning our students have a truly bespoke curriculum to maximise their achievement. We are extremely proud of an overall pass rate of 95% pass rate in Academic A-Level qualifications. This figure marks a significant increase in attainment.

Initial figures also indicate excellent achievements across all courses with 100% pass rates in Biology, Chemistry, English Language, English Literature, Fine Art, History, Geography, Mathematics, Photography and Sociology. In the applied vocational and Technical courses students achieved 100% pass rates in 11 of the 13 courses offered.

In all curriculum routes there is a pleasing increase in the number of students achieving more of the highest A and A\* grades with Technical courses seeing an impressive 5% increase in this measure from 2022.

Welling School is driven to ensure that all students go on to the university or career of their choice and at the time of going to press all students, completing their Sixth Form studies with us, this summer, have achieved the grades they need to take up their university, apprenticeship or job offers. Some of the destinations students are moving onto include University in Greenwich, Kent, Birmingham, Brighton and Medway School of Pharmacy. There are also Russell Group places at King's College London, Cardiff and Queen Mary's. Students are also moving on to start careers and apprenticeships in nurseries, the metropolitan police, physiotherapy for the Freddie Farmer Foundation and Accounting and Finance.

Like last year, the disruption caused by the pandemic makes this year's results even more impressive. Not only because students have had to work hard in very difficult circumstances but also because they went into the exam season with absolutely no prior experience of formal examinations as they never had to sit GCSE papers. Assessment and testing mechanisms have now largely returned to pre-pandemic models

and so these achievements have been made without the same level of dispensation we have seen in the past 2 years.

As well as key individual successes the overall grades indicate that 41% are A\*, A, B and C grades. This includes an overall pass rate of 94%. Students performed strongly in Sociology with 44% of grades A-B and 28% of Business Studies grades were awarded a Distinction\*. This is a highly commendable achievement.

Amongst other outstanding results the school congratulates the following students whose portfolio of achievement includes:

- Amy Breen who achieved A,A,A
- Isabella Marsh A,B,B
- Alexandra Farcasanu achieved A\*A and Distinction\*
- Shaun Akuezumba achieved 2 x Distinction\* and an A
- Jack Shipman Distinction\*, Distinction and a B grade
- Mushfaq Afzle 3 x Distinctions
- Freddie Corbett A, Distinction\* and a Merit
- Harry Ward achieved A,C and Distinction

Executive Headteacher Daniel Hatley said *'We are so pleased to report another year of strong results and remain extremely proud of what our brilliant students have achieved. This year's results are again testament to their hard work, the dedication of the staff and the support of students' families. We are extremely pleased for them all and look forward to hearing about their continued successes as they leave us to start the next exciting stage of their lives'*.