

The John Fisher School celebrates strong success at A level

Students and staff at The John Fisher School are celebrating success with their A level and vocational & technical results, despite an incredibly tough two years. These examinations were the first external assessments the Year 13 cohort have taken as the year group were unable to sit their GCSE examinations in 2020. This year's results end two years of hard work and resilience, which is reflected in 50% A*-B grades, 77% A*-C grades with a pass rate of 100% at grades A*-E at A level. There was also an impressive number of Distinction and Distinction* grades awarded in the school's vocational Business, ICT and Sports courses. The school secured 35% A*-A grades to include vocational accreditations. We are delighted that Year 13 were able to overcome the disruption caused by the pandemic and that students still secured places at excellent universities throughout the country. Some of the key results from this summer in comparison to 2019, the last year examinations took place, are as follows:



A*-A grades at A level was 22% which is a 6% increase on 2019.

A*-A grades with vocational equivalents was 35% which is a 3% increase on 2019.

A*-B grades at A level was 50% which is a 7% increase on 2019.

A*-B grades with vocational equivalents was 55% which is a 3% increase on 2019.

A*-C grades at A level was 77% which is a 1% increase on 2019.

Whilst there are many notable success stories amongst these results, special mention must be made of these students: Przemyslaw S who achieved 2 A* and 2 A grades and will be going on to study Biomedical Science at Queen Mary University of London, Ryan O (2 A*, 1 A) who will be studying

Business Management at the University of Southampton, David G (2A*, 1 A) who will be studying Computer Science at the University of Nottingham, Joseph B (1A*, 2 A's) who will be studying Mathematics at the University of Bristol, Chris O (1 A*, 2 A's) who will be studying Business, Economics & Finance at Loughborough University, Joseph P (1 A*, 1 A and 1 Distinction*) who will also be attending Loughborough University to study Management and Jeshin M (3 A's) who will be studying Economics & Management at the University of Oxford. Other superb performances included Connor C (3 A's) who will study Philosophy at the University of Birmingham, Maksymilian T who achieved 2 A's and 1 B and will be studying Marketing at the University of Southampton, Rocco N (2A's, 1 B) who will study Finance, Accounting & Management at the



University of Nottingham and Liam B (2 A's, 1 B) who will study Psychology at the University of Nottingham. Five students gained double or treble Distinction* grades in their Vocational Sports programme (Jay B, Ryan M, Sam S, Wayne N and Jamie S) and three students gained Distinction* grades in their Vocational Business programme (Adam F, Cameron S and Domenic O). 50% of the candidates were awarded Distinction grades in Vocational ICT.



Headteacher Mr McCullagh said: “The strength of character shown by the students due to the impact of coronavirus over the last two years is remarkable. The fact that almost one quarter of all A level grades are A*/A, half are A*-B and with over three quarters A*-C is tremendous. The school’s vocational outcomes are also very strong and I would like to pass on my thanks to the effort of the staff and for the support from our parents/carers. We couldn’t be prouder of the fantastic achievements of our exceptional young people. Our percentage of A*-A grades in literature based subjects such as English Literature (43%), Business Studies (43%), Economics (37%) and Geography (32%) is excellent and for A* grades to be awarded at A level in Maths, Biology, Economics, English Literature, Geography, Computer Science and Design and Technology is superb. Our A*-B grades in Chemistry, Design & Technology, History, Sociology and Art are also very pleasing. These results mean that our students will access the top universities in England. These outcomes reaffirm statements made by inspectors in the Spring term such as *‘the school provides a calm and orderly atmosphere in which pupil’s learning and well-being are prioritised’* and *‘the pupils’ conduct and attitudes reflect the high expectations that leaders and staff have of them’*. We would encourage prospective students to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 3rd November to find out more about what The John Fisher School can offer.”