

Best ever GCSE and Post 16 Results!



Building on a consistently strong and steady upward trend in academic performance, Coombe Boys' School students and staff are once again celebrating a year of excellent GCSE results.

At GCSE level, many more subjects this year had their first cohort examined under the new GCSE syllabi and with the grade 9-1 structure. These courses are more challenging with an increased level of content and a reduction in the percentage value of practical and controlled assessment aspects. Despite this, our results have improved and we are delighted to report increases again this year in attainment and progress for English Language, Mathematics and Science.

Our Mathematics results continue to be exceptional with 11% of our students, again, achieving a grade '9' (A**). This is over three times the national average for boys and over four times the national average for girls. Over 9% of students who studied History, in the first year of the new course, achieved a grade '9' - almost three times the national average for boys.

The school was delighted to see over 11% of boys achieve the new Grade 9 (A**) in Mathematics, with a significant number of students achieving this grade in History, Music, Physics and Religious Studies. These excellent results reflect the school's accreditation with the NACE award (National Association of Able Children in Education) and demonstrates the expertise that has been developed within the school to provide the appropriate level of challenge and support for these talented learners.

The 'Attainment 8' score was 4.9 and 'Progress 8' +0.23. At GCSE the overall 5 A*-C including English and Maths percentage was up again (11% increase in 2 years) and the grade 9 - 4 (A* -C: standard pass) results for English were 76%, which represented a 17% improvement on 2016. The grade 9 - 5 success rate in Mathematics and English Language was 57%.

Students taking the EBACC combination of subjects have seen a dramatic increase in their levels of progress whilst the school's overall results remain significantly above the national average. 26.5% of students achieved the EBACC qualification this year. Many boys swept the board with straight A** (9), A* (8) and A (7) grades.

We are proud of all our students many successes. It is wonderful to have this confirmation of the outstanding work undertaken by staff and students at the school. The trend set at Post 16 has been replicated in the GCSE results with high numbers of students achieving the top grades and students

performing exceptionally well in Mathematics and Physics. It is fantastic to see so many of our talented and highly-motivated boys in such a strong position to be successful in the next stage of their academic careers at the Coombe Sixth Form. We recognise these results continue to lay a firm foundation for the school's future.

At A' level, Coombe results continue to demonstrate above national average progression enabling, our students to gain places again at their first choice university. 35% of all entries this year were graded A/A* on post 16 courses.

At BTEC Level 3, 60% of grades were at Distinction * or Distinction level.

Our KS3 results continue to be strong and courses are proving to prepare students for their GCSE courses well. We look forward to even better achievements next year as the new courses become further embedded and enhanced in the future.

Key Stage 3 Attainment	2018
% of students achieving better than expected progress in English	94
% of students achieving better than expected progress in Mathematics	95
% of students achieving better than expected progress in Science	94

Students achieved above national average results for boys in all subjects and most notably in Mathematics, Computer Science and English Literature. We are proud of the increase in the overall 5 GCSE's (9-4) including English and Mathematics results. Most importantly for us the progress that students made from entry to when they left has improved significantly with groups of learners making above expected progress.

GCSE Year 11 Attainment	2018
% of students achieving 9-4 in Eng & Ma	72
% of students achieving 5 or more A*-G (9-1)	97
% of students achieving 5 or more 9-4 (inc. Eng & Ma)	68
% of students achieving 1 or more A*-G 9-1	100
% of students achieving 2 A*-C in Science	69

Year 13 Sixth Form Results



Coombe Sixth Formers confidently make the Grade!

Coombe Sixth Form is delighted to report another superb year of examination success at both A' level & Level 3 vocational BTEC.

The 2018 Year 13 students have continued the Sixth Form's fantastic academic tradition despite the challenge of the new specifications and more challenging standards. We are proud of all our students for achieving these excellent grades and are now able to progress to the university course of their choice.

The dedication of the students, staff and their families has resulted in the highest ever proportion of A*- C grades with a third of all entries graded A* or A and an array of Coombe graduates achieving these highest grades in each of their A Level subjects as well as the Applied Science BTEC course.

Each year, Coombe Sixth Formers achieve consistently outstanding results across all subjects and we couldn't be more proud of them.

Director of Coombe Sixth Form, Ms Emily Barns, commented,

"I would like to congratulate everyone on their results. I am immensely proud to see such fantastic grades achieved by the Sixth Form once again. It is marvellous that the hard work and commitment of students have been rewarded with such exceptional outcomes across all subjects at Coombe.

It is particularly pleasing that, despite the many media reports concerning girls' attainment in physics at A' Level this summer, Coombe Sixth Form girls have bucked this national trend and excelled in their attainment in both maths and physics.

Once again, our Level 3 vocational BTEC students have maintained the exceptional Coombe attainment record in these qualifications with over 60% achieving the equivalent of A*/A.

All students have worked tremendously hard and I wish them the very best of luck in their future endeavours. A huge thank you must also go to all staff at Coombe Sixth Form who work tirelessly to ensure every student reaches his or her potential. Very well done to all!"



A Level Year 13 Attainment	2018
No. of Entries	407
% achieving A*	7
% achieving A* - A	23
% achieving A*-B	53
% achieving A-C	80
% achieving A-E	97

BTEC Level 3 Results

% achieving 3 Distinction*/Distinction (A/B grades)	52%
% achieving 3 Distinction*/Merit (A/C grades)	80%
% achieving 3 Merit/Pass (C/E grades)	36%