



# St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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## YEAR 11 GCSE EXAMINATION RESULTS 2018

Dear Families

I interrupt your summer break once again with news to share with you about the examination results achieved by our Year 11 students.

Together with the changes to the grading system and the more demanding and challenging content of all subjects, our girls achieved well with a number of them gaining the coveted top grade 9. Students achieved well across a wide range of the reformed GCSE subjects including English, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Religious Studies, Music, Drama, French and Spanish.

We have much to celebrate and our provisional headlines include the following:

English Language 63% achieved grade 4 or above.

English Literature 64% achieved grade 4 or above.

Biology 100% achieved grade 4 and above, with 95% at the higher grade 5 or above.

Physics 100% achieved the higher grade 5 or above.

French 90% achieved grade 4 and above with 80% at the higher grade 5 or above.

Religious Studies 77% achieved grade 4 or above with 64% at the higher grade 5 or above.

History 74% achieved grade 4 or above with 61% at the higher grade 5 or above.

Spanish 64% achieved grade 4 or above, 54% at the higher grade 5 or above, 45% grade 7 or above.

Drama 65% achieved grade 4 or above with 40% at the higher grade 5 or above.

Music 60% achieved grade 4 or above with 30% at the higher grade 5 or above.

The Mathematics specification and subsequent examination papers were significantly more challenging than ever before, yet 49% of our students achieved the highest grades of 4 or above and our overall provisional results will place us just below the England averages.

Business Studies was still graded (until next year) as letters and we are pleased that 83% achieved the A\*-C grades with 33% at the higher A\*-B grades.

We also have success in our vocational courses with good outcomes in BTEC Sport, BTEC Business, and Health and Social Care.

Students have worked extremely hard and we congratulate all students who have recorded grades throughout the new 9-1 scale. We must not lose sight of the fact that students have completed demanding courses with new content and significantly more and longer examination papers. We give credit to all achievement and are mindful that with the Government's decision to describe a grade 4 as a 'standard pass' and a grade 5 as a 'strong pass' this does not send a negative message to students who attain grades at 1, 2 and 3.

To end, I remind you of the quote from Ofsted: 'the motto of the school, Caritate et Disciplina - with Love and Learning, is driven by all staff in a common endeavour to improve the life chances of all students.'

Yours sincerely

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## GCSE 2018 - Individual Student Performance

**Peace (9,9,8,8,8,8,6,5,4)** is St Martin's top achieving student and has secured her place at St Martin's sixth form. Peace was Head Girl and worked hard as an ambassador for the school. Peace is one of few students who achieved the top 8 grade in mathematics with a fabulous 9 in Religious Education and in English. Peace will continue to study mathematics at A level.

**Hannah (9,8,7,7,7,7,6,6,6,A)** is delighted with her grade 9 in English and the rest of her grades across a wide range of subjects. She is looking forward to starting sixth form. Hannah enjoyed her time at St Martin's. She said "It's a good community and teachers really help you, they go above and beyond."



**Nicole (8,8,8,8,7,7,7,7,6)** is excited about going on to study science and psychology at A level. She was overwhelmed with her results and looking forward to a bright future in the field of medicine. Nicole said "teachers form a close bond with their students which is really important. They really help and support you to do your very best."



**Aysha (8,8,6,6,5,5,5-5,4,4)** is excited to have the opportunity to follow her subject choices at sixth form. She will study Economics, Sociology and History. Aysha is delighted with her grade 8 in Religious studies and History. She said "I got out what I put in". I know I could have done even better if I have settled down to work earlier." "The teachers are supportive and really care, they stay and help you after school and even at the weekend." St Martin's is a supportive school."



**Laniyah (8,8,7,7,7,6,6,6,6,B)** is planning to study Economics and Mathematics but hasn't quite decided on her third A level which is between Geography or Physics. Laniyah has enjoyed her time at St Martin's and said "The school is empowering for girls." Laniyah credits her teachers for their support and encouragement. She gives these words of wisdom to students. "Stay on top of your notes, and keep focused."



**Janelle (9,9,8,7,7-6,5,5,B)** is delighted with her grade 9 in English and in History and with her overall performance. She said that the additional maths tutoring that the school provided on Saturdays really helped her. Janelle praised her teachers and said "They take their time to care about their students and their results." She gives these words of wisdom to students: "Study hard from the very beginning. I crammed a lot at the end and it's not the best way. It is better to be organised."



**Aaliyah (5,4,4,4-3,3,3,D\*2,P2), Shazyah (6,5,5-4,4,4,3,C,M2,), Tomoya (4,4,4-3,3,3,1,M2,P2)**

Aaliyah, Shazyah and Tomoya realise the importance of working hard. They all praised the school as a community with high expectations and one that provides opportunities. They all said "The teachers care about you and never give up on you which makes you not give up on yourself." Shazyah's words of wisdom to others. "Anyone can do it as long as you want it and work hard for it." Aaliyah's words of wisdom. "Work hard from now because you have little time as it goes by so quickly."