



### Best GCSE Results Ever!

Dear Parents/ Carers,

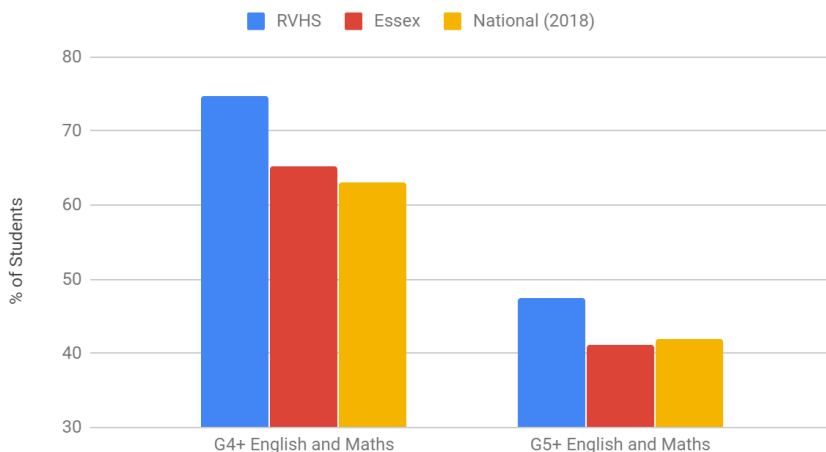
This year 2019, we celebrated the best GCSE results ever achieved at Roding Valley High School. I am absolutely delighted with the improvements that the school has experienced and these results are a testament to the sheer commitment and hard work of all staff and students. I would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all the parents and carers who have continuously supported the school.

**Our results in English, Maths and Science were significantly above the Essex and national averages**

A record breaking 5 % of all grades were awarded at Grade 9 - more than double the national average. Grade 9 is the highest GCSE grade with attainment above an old A\*. Grade 7 is the equivalent of an A on the old grading system.

#### Roding Valley High School - % Students achieving Maths and English 2019

Exam Results



Grade 5 will be known as a 'strong pass' and will be equivalent to a high C and low B on the old grading system (school performance measure).

Grade 4 will remain the level that students must achieve without needing to re-sit English and Maths post-16.

	% of students achieving a Grade 4+ in English and Maths	% of students achieving a Grade 5+ in English and Maths
<b>RVHS</b>	<b>74.8</b>	<b>47.4</b>
<b>Essex</b>	65.2	41.2
<b>National (2018)</b>	63	42



In total across all subjects:

- 72 Grade 9s awarded ( A\*\* Grade equivalent ) - 15 Biology, 11 Chemistry, 6 Physics, 7 English Language, 6 English Literature and 8 in Maths
- 112 Grade 8s ( A\* Grade equivalent )
- 394 Grade 7s ( A Grade equivalent and above )

Results for core GCSE subjects:

Name	Grade 7 + %	Grade 4 + %	National Grades 4 + %
English Language	15.5	79.8	61.8
English Literature	25.1	74.9	73.4
Maths	20.1	77.8	59.6
Biology	74.5	100	89.6
Chemistry	50.9	100	90
Physics	45.5	96.4	90.8
Combined Science	5.7	62.4	55.4

I am incredibly proud of all our students but some exceptional performances included:

- Billy Roberts - nine grade 9s
- Eloise Booth - seven grade 9s
- Saskia Cushings - seven grade 9s
- Suzanna Cavadino - six grade 9s
- Yasmin Mushtaq - six grade 9s
- Daniel Gorgan - four grade 9s
- Florence New - four grade 9s
- Isobel Bonning -four grade 9s
- Eren Tyler - three grade 9s
- Rosie Stone - three grade 9s

### Sixth Form News

Our top performing A Level student, Igor Dasuzhau, achieved two A\*s in Biology and Chemistry and three As in Maths, Physics and the Extended Project Qualification. He secured a coveted place at the University of Cambridge, studying Natural Sciences at Girton College. He follows in the footsteps of previous Head Girl, Olivia Tinker who also went to University of Cambridge, to read History in 2017 - from our very first year 13 cohort.

Many of our Year 13 students were also highly successful and secured places at some of the best universities in the UK. To name a few:

- Jasmin Spall - Pharmacy at King's College, London
- Lilly Rowsell - Biomedical Science at King's College London

- Emily Willis - Biomedical Science at Newcastle University
- George Gorak - Engineering at Queen Mary's
- Celeste Radclyffe - Engineering at University of East London.
- Caprice Foster - Medicine at Southampton
- Jamie Henderson - Computer Science at Cardiff University
- Kai Warsame - Biomedical Science at Brunel
- Alice Redknap - Drama and English and American Literature at University of Kent

Others secured Higher Level Apprenticeships based on their A Level results

- Eliza Royce: Aon
- Sophie Ellicock-Williams: Schroders
- Ellie Russell and Matt Wright: Sponsored degrees with Hill

This is all proof of our growing reputation as a successful school that celebrates high academic success. We support our students to reach their potential and attend the very top universities. Through access to our excellent careers advice, our students also secure prestigious higher level apprenticeships.

### **Character and Culture**

We have also worked tirelessly to instil a positive ethos in the school, to create a culture of aspiration, respect and endeavour in all our students. I really appreciate the parental support with uniform, equipment and supporting our behaviour policy, both in school and out in the local community.

Our Character and Culture programme allows students the time to further explore topics relevant to living a good, healthy life and being a good citizen. This is delivered during Period 1, which starts at 8.40 am. This is why we take punctuality so seriously, especially as the Year 11 students receive additional Maths and English for 3 mornings a week.

Last year, we started to embed our new House system and extended our student leadership opportunities.

It wasn't just inside the classroom that our students proved their talent; our debate club revealed future politicians, as our Year 9 students won the national Up for Debate Championship competition (1000 schools entered) and then went on to debate climate change on BBC Essex radio station. Our artists also scooped a range of awards at the local Youth Makes Art competition, and our rising drama stars performed a piece at the Shaw Theatre in London. We had the pleasure of watching our students perform and excel in Jack Petchey's Speak out Challenge, a competition aimed at instilling confidence and public speaking skills in young people, for which we both hosted and won the Regional Final. Similarly, our Challenge and Enrichment programme highlighted a range of diverse talents at the showcase at the end of the last term – with the winner creating a stunning display about the importance of bees. It has been such a pleasure to watch the artistic and creative talents at Roding Valley High School flourish and be recognised in the local community and beyond. We continued our strong tradition of sporting success.

Looking ahead to the new academic year, I can't wait to see what we will achieve as a school as we continue to grow and develop; we have so much to look forward to together.

Kind regards

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