



KINGSWOOD COLLEGE TRUST

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION RESULTS 2008



WELL DONE SARAH!

11A* and 1A grade

and still only 15 years of age

A record number of PBs for Team KC on Terrific Thursday.

Following the publication of our GCSE results we are pleased to record that **ALL** candidates achieved results higher than expected or predicted, with each one scoring his/her Personal Best. What more can one ask for?

This year, for all pupils aged 15 years, the girls did slightly better than the boys with 100% achieving 5+ A* - C grades compared with the boys 93%. This is yet another improvement on last year's percentages of 86% and 83% respectively. 84.5% of all candidates achieved 7+ A* - C grades with 38.4% achieving 9+ A* - C grades.



Eight subjects (Drama, English Literature, French, Geography, History, ICT, Music and Statistics) achieve gold medals with 100% A* - C success rate. Four subjects (Business Studies, English, Mathematics and Science) achieve silver with between 90 - 100% A* - C success rate.

Our top candidate Sarah Melville, who academically is a year ahead of her chronological age group, broke last year's outstanding 11A* record of Adam Bradley by achieving 11A* **AND** 1A grade. It only shows that records are set to be broken! Sarah showed her potential when she was in our Prep School and she was put up a year when she was in Year 5. She has never looked back since and has always set herself very high targets and worked very hard to achieve them. We always believed that she could do it - all that was needed was for her to believe in herself.



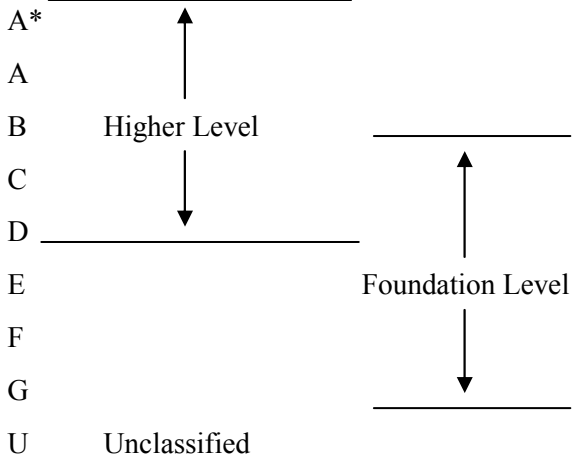
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Comment from Mrs Melville

"Sarah has been at the school for twelve years and seen the transition from Scarisbrick Hall to Kingswood College and then to Kingswood College Trust. However, the staff have remained loyal and their help, guidance and hard work have helped Sarah to achieve her full potential. The teachers have helped her to become a happy and self-confident young adult".

The GCSE Grading System



Overall Analysis

The Government (DCFS) and the Independent Schools' Information Service (ISIS) present the results in a number of different ways, either based upon an analysis of GCSE results in the actual Year 11 group of pupils or upon an analysis of the GCSE results of 16 year olds. The second of these is how League Tables are produced and can give a false impression as, in some schools, (particularly Independent Schools) not all 16 year olds are in Year 11. Some able pupils sit GCSE examinations a year early at the age of 15; others, particularly pupils with a specific learning difficulty or pupils from overseas, may not sit them until they are 17. The DCFS does not take account of either of these groups, other than as achieving no GCSEs at the age of 16. It is thus more accurate to analyse the results of the group of candidates.

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE

82%	% A* - C grades
100%	% A* - G grades
9.0%	% A*
14.0%	A
17.0%	B
43.0%	C
10.0%	D
0	E
0	F
0	G
0	U

NATIONAL

65.7
18.4
6.8
13.9
19.8
25.2
16.6
9.1
4.7
2.3
1.6

COMPARISON OF BOYS AND GIRLS

Much has been made of the fact that girls are still doing far better than boys at this stage of their education. This is not true at Kingswood College, more girls are obtaining the highest grade of A* this year as overall boys have just

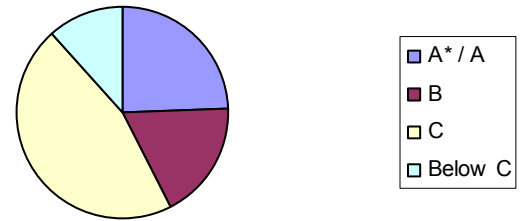
BOYS

100%	% gaining 5 or more A* - C
7.9	Average subjects per candidate
88	% subjects A* - C
5.5	A*
17	A
18	B
47	C
12	Below C

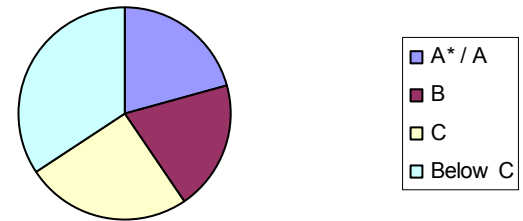
GIRLS

96
8
89
15.6
11
18
44
11

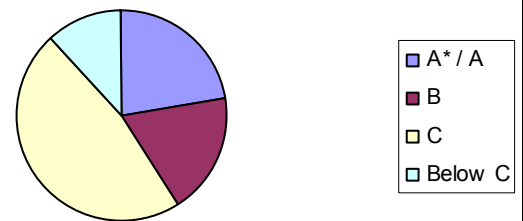
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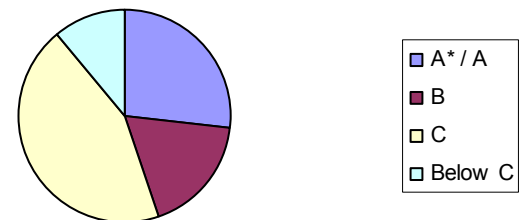
National



Boys



Girls



DEPARTMENTAL STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

SUBJECTS	GRADES													
	A*		A		B		C		D		E		F	
	KIN	NAT	KIN	NAT	KIN	NAT	KIN	NAT	KIN	NAT	KIN	NAT	KIN	NAT
<u>Core Subjects</u>														
English	7.7	4.0	11.5	11.5	27.0	20.1	50.0	27.3	3.8	19.8	0.0	9.9	0.0	4.3
English Literature	19.2	5.1	7.7	15.5	7.7	23.9	65.4	25.8	0.0	15.8	0.0	7.8	0.0	3.1
Mathematics	11.5	4.6	7.7	9.9	11.6	16.2	65.4	25.6	3.8	18.1	0.0	11.6	0.0	7.6
Statistics	100	6.5	0.0	14.9	0.0	17.2	0.0	33.9	0.0	15.9	0.0	6.3	0.0	2.4
Biology	33.3	19.1	66.7	29.4	0.0	26.8	0.0	15.8	0.0	5.4	0.0	2.0	0.0	0.8
Chemistry	33.3	23.1	33.3	29.6	33.4	26.1	0.0	15.2	0.0	4.3	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.4
Physics	33.3	22.7	66.7	28.9	0.0	25.8	0.0	16.1	0.0	4.8	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.4
Science (New Spec.)	0.0	2.8	4.3	9.8	17.4	18.6	56.6	28.1	21.7	17.7	0.0	11.6	0.0	6.9
Science Additional	4.3	5.0	4.4	10.2	13.0	19.5	56.6	28.5	21.7	18.5	0.0	9.9	0.0	5.0
<u>Foundation Subjects</u>														
Art	0.0	7.1	14.3	16.0	28.6	21.7	14.2	29.3	14.3	12.8	0.0	7.7	0.0	3.6
Business Studies	0.0	4.6	12.5	12.5	0.0	17.8	81.3	27.7	6.2	17.9	0.0	9.7	0.0	4.7
French	20.0	10.3	40.0	14.7	0.0	18.8	0.0	24.5	20.0	17.3	20.0	8.7	0.0	3.9
Geography	20.0	10.4	40.0	16.2	60.0	18.2	80.0	23.4	0.0	15.1	0.0	8.1	0.0	4.4
History	20.0	10.7	13.3	18.8	60.0	20.6	6.7	17.9	0.0	12.8	0.0	8.6	0.0	5.4
Home Economics	0.0	3.9	0.0	9.7	25.0	14.5	75.0	28.0	0.0	18.6	10.0	12.1	0.0	7.1
I.C.T.	11.1	7.1	33.3	16.5	22.3	19.6	33.3	25.1	0.0	14.1	0.0	7.5	0.0	4.6
Music	0.0	9.4	16.7	20.3	33.3	24.7	50.0	20.2	0.0	11.4	0.0	6.9	0.0	3.5
P.E.	0.0	6.5	12.5	15.3	25.0	20.9	25.0	20.6	37.5	23.6	0.0	9.3	0.0	2.7
Drama	0.0	5.5	27.3	17.0	18.2	26.8	54.5	23.1	0.0	14.5	0.0	7.5	0.0	3.5
Spanish	6.7	16.5	33.3	17.5	6.7	17.1	13.3	21.2	40.0	15.1	0.0	7.1	0.0	3.5

Comments from Departments

GEOGRAPHY

A very pleasing set of examination results, with 100% passes at A* - C once again. 40% gained A* and A grades and everyone worked hard to achieve his / her success. The course work was again a very key element in the grades achieved proving that those who really put in the effort, reaped the rewards. Warm wishes to all the group and please keep in touch to let us know what you are doing.

Mrs Taylor

HISTORY

I congratulate the GCSE History group on their excellent results. Once again, a 100% pass rate was achieved but I was particularly pleased with the quality of the results especially the high number of A* grades attained by a mixed ability group. The pupils with special educational needs performed extremely well as always. The pupils thoroughly deserved their success and I wish them all good luck in their future studies and careers and I hope they will keep in touch. **Mr Roberts**

MATHEMATICS

This year the pupils surpassed themselves and achieved the best years results ever. 96% achieved grade C or above in Mathematics. Particular praise should go to all those who achieved A or A*, as these grades were gained as a result of sustained and persistent hard work throughout Years 10 and 11. Statistics again achieved 100% A*, but this is an extra GCSE and is only taken by those pupils who can cope with the vast amount of extra work that is required and the high levels of competence, application and understanding that are required. The high standard of coursework was again praised and the statistics coursework was described as superb by the moderator. **Mrs Bruce**

MUSIC

Once again the Music department is delighted to be able to report 100% A* - C grades. The standard of Performing and Composing was very high and all the pupils contributed enthusiastically to the musical life of the College. Well done to one and all. **Mrs McWilliams**

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SCIENCE

As this was the first year of the new modular science examination syllabus we may have been justified in expecting lower results than last year but our pupils did themselves, and us, proud by producing a 96% overall pass rate A* - C in Science and 100% pass rate A* - B in Biology, Physics and Chemistry. Special mention should go to Ben Collinson who obtained an A* grade and an A in the two science examinations and to Sarah Melville who obtained A* grades in Biology, Physics and Chemistry. **Mrs Howarth**

ENGLISH LANGUAGE / LITERATURE

The results are certainly in keeping with the level of attainment achieved over recent years. 96% of A* - C in English Language and 100% English Literature are credits to the pupils concerned. **Mr Roberts/Mr Gouldbourne**

BUSINESS STUDIES

An excellent set of results. I feel that 94% A* - C certainly reflects the application of the pupils and the interest they have shown in this subject. **Mr Gouldbourne**

MFL

A very pleasing set of results which compare very favourably with national averages. Kingswood pupils achieved 40% A* and A grades in Spanish (34% nationally) and 60 % A* and A grades in French (25% nationally). Three pupils were awarded A* or A grades in both languages. **Mrs Marfany**

HOME ECONOMICS

It was most pleasing to see the pupils achieving the examination results in this subject. They enjoyed the practical work involved and gained a good range of skills over the two years. **Mrs Joyce**

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

The PE department wish to congratulate all candidates on their results. Many reached their full potential and more. Particular congratulations go to Sam Wilkinson for achieving the top grade in the group and achieving well beyond his predicted grade. Well done to all. **Mr Wynne & Mrs Makin**

ICT

The results for ICT this year are outstanding with 100% of our pupils achieving A* - C grades compared with the national average of 68.3%. Of these 44.4% were A* - A grades compared with 23.6% nationally. I am very proud of our pupils for achieving these results, which are well deserved. **Mrs Preston**

DRAMA

Congratulations to the Drama group who managed to achieve an overall pass rate of 100%. The results were an honest reflection of their hard work and talent. **Mrs Squire**