

UCS Stars in Record GCSE Results

This morning, boys receiving their GCSE results at University College School in Hampstead celebrated achieving the highest number of top grades in the school's history. A wonderful 66% of grades awarded to UCS pupils this summer were A* (or 8/9). 73 boys were awarded straight A/A* grades (or 7, 8, 9 grades) and over 20% of the cohort achieved a clean sweep of A* (or 8 and 9) grades. Nine boys secured straight 9 and A* grades. 88% of the year group's grades were the equivalent of A*-A, and all credit goes to the hard-working boys, their supportive parents and dedicated teachers.

Headmaster, Mark Beard, commented, "Whilst the performances of pupils in STEM subjects was strong – 56% of Maths grades were a 9 and 94% of Chemistry grades were graded A* or A for example – the calibre of the grades in the Arts and Creative Subjects is worth championing. 56% of English Literature grades – a subject studied by all pupils at GCSE – were a 9 and 99% of pupils achieved at least a 7. 97% of pupils taking Design and Technology were awarded either an A* or an A and 95% of Art grades were a 9, 8 or 7 grade. These results are set against the national trend where, across the UK, the numbers of pupils studying creative subjects have dropped considerably since 2012 (*The Independent*, 2nd August 2018) and there is a similar decline in pupils studying Modern Languages (*The Guardian*, 16th August 2018). Today, 90% of UCS pupils secured either an A* or an A at GCSE in French, and in September the school will be expanding its provision for Modern Languages with a fifth subject, Italian, being added to the curriculum. *The Times* reported yesterday that the number of children studying Drama to GCSE level has dropped by 18% across the UK; at UCS, Drama is on a meteoric rise, and over 100 pupils will be studying this as a GCSE option in the forthcoming academic year."

The pupils are now looking forward to starting life in the UCS co-educational Sixth Form. Term starts in eight days, but for now they will enjoy a well earned rest.

For more information on the broad curriculum at University College School, please visit:

www.ucs.org.uk/senior-school

An Explanation of the Grading System

In eleven subjects at UCS, pupils were examined using the new numbering grade system (1-9) and ten subjects were examined using the final year of the legacy specifications with students receiving alphabetical grades. In the new system, a 7 grade roughly equates to an A grade, an 8 to an A* and a 9 is considered to be a super A*. In 2019, all subjects will be examined and graded using the new 1-9 system.

2018 GCSE Results Summary

Subject	Entered	GRADES						GRADE SUMMARIES	
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	% A* & A	% A* - C
A*-E SUBJECTS									
Biology	113	75	16	14	7	1	0	80.5	99.1
Chemistry	97	72	19	5	1	0	0	93.8	100.0
Computer Science	38	13	20	3	2	0	0	86.8	100.0
D & T (Product Design)	38	27	10	1	0	0	0	97.4	100.0
French	78	31	39	5	3	0	0	89.7	100.0
German	16	12	3	0	1	0	0	93.8	100.0
Mandarin	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
Physics	94	60	13	14	5	1	1	77.7	97.9
Spanish	68	27	27	8	6	0	0	79.4	100.0
Extra GCSEs	6	5	1	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0

9-1 SUBJECTS		9/8	7	6	5/4	3	2/1	GRADE SUMMARIES	
								% 7-9	% 4-9
Art	21	15	5	1	0	0	0	95.2	100.0
Drama	37	18	9	9	1	0	0	73.0	100.0
English Language	122	103	18	1	0	0	0	99.2	100.0
English Literature	122	104	17	1	0	0	0	99.2	100.0
Geography	72	42	16	8	5	1	0	80.6	98.6
Greek	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
History	107	64	25	9	8	1	0	83.2	99.1
Latin	39	29	5	3	1	1	0	87.2	97.4
Mathematics	123	94	15	9	5	0	0	88.6	100.0
Music	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0
Sports Science (PE)	8	3	1	3	1	0	0	50.0	100.0
Extra GCSEs	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0

2018 Grade Totals	1229	823	260	94	46	5	1		
2018 Grade %		66.97	21.16	7.65	3.74	0.41	0.08	88.1	99.5

Previous years' Grade Summaries									
2017 Grade Totals	1114	713	305	89	6	1	0		
2017 Grade %		64	27.38	7.989	0.539	0.09	0	91.4	99.9
2016 Grade Totals	1205	756	318	106	24	1	0		
2016 Grade %		62.74	26.39	8.797	1.992	0.083	0	89.1	99.9
2015 Grade Totals	1213	713	330	140	27	2	1		
2015 Grade %		58.78	27.21	11.54	2.23	0.16	0.08	86.0	99.8

2014 Grade Totals	1232	757	338	111	25	1	0		
2014 Grade %		61.44	27.44	9.01	2.03	0.08	0.00	88.9	99.9
2013 Grade Totals	1188	628	400	131	24.0	5	0		
2013 Grade %		52.86	33.67	11.03	2.0	0.421	0	86.5	99.6
2012 Grade Totals	1121	544	375	159	39	2	2		
2012 Grade %		48.5	33.5	14.2	3.5	0.2	0.2	82.0	99.6
2011 Grade Totals	1176	473	451	181	61	5	5		
2011 Grade %		40.2	38.4	15.4	5.2	0.4	0.4	78.6	99.1
2010 Grade Totals	1124	405	511	154	47	6	1		
2010 Grade %		36.0	45.5	13.7	4.2	0.5	0.1	81.5	99.4

Second Best Ever A-Level Results For UCS Pupils

Today, Sixth Form pupils at UCS, Hampstead achieved the school's second best ever results at A Level and Pre-U, with 31% of exams graded at A* and 70% graded at A*-A. Impressively, 64 pupils achieved nothing below an A grade.

Headmaster Mark Beard commented, "Along with the rest of the nation, this year group were very aware that they would be the first to discover the consequences of all their subjects (except Maths) being examined at the end of linear, two year courses. They were at it from the very start and worked extremely hard to assimilate the content and thence how to apply it. Huge congratulations to them and their teachers are therefore in order."

Particular congratulations should be given to the 14 pupils who achieved A* grades (or the Pre-U equivalent) in all of their subjects, and to the Medical School applicants who secured their places. Students are now looking forward to embarking on university courses. This year a larger number are heading to universities overseas including MIT, UPenn, Columbia (all USA) and McGill (Canada).

UCS is proud of the recent increased provision for means-tested bursaries which makes education at UCS more accessible than ever before. Sixth Form pupils who had received bursaries were extremely successful, and next month will start courses, in Medicine, Mathematics and Chemistry, for example, at institutions such as Oxford University and Imperial College, London. Indeed, three of the pupils who received 100% bursaries collected seven A* and three A grades between them. If you would like to know more about bursary provision at UCS, please click [here](#).

We wish all our leavers the very best of luck for the future.

2018 A Level and Pre-U Results Summary

Subject	Entered	GRADES							GRADE SUMMARIES		
		A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	% A* & A	% A* - B	% Pass
LINEAR A-LEVELS											
Art	11	3	5	2	1	0	0	0	72.7	90.9	100.0
Biology	21	6	2	7	4	2	0	0	38.1	71.4	100.0
Chemistry	35	8	16	7	0	4	0	0	68.6	88.6	100.0
Computer Science	7	0	1	2	2	2	0	0	14.3	42.9	100.0
Drama	11	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	45.5	100.0	100.0
Economics	49	14	20	10	3	2	0	0	69.4	89.8	100.0
Geography	16	6	4	5	1	0	0	0	62.5	93.8	100.0
Greek	5	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	60.0	80.0	100.0
History	38	6	17	9	5	1	0	0	60.5	84.2	100.0
Latin	9	1	4	2	1	1	0	0	55.6	77.8	100.0
Mathematics	92	35	30	15	5	4	3	0	70.7	87.0	100.0
Further Mathematics	27	15	9	2	0	1	0	0	88.9	96.3	100.0
Music	4	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	75.0	100.0	100.0
Philosophy	13	1	7	4	1	0	0	0	61.5	92.3	100.0
Physics	33	17	9	5	1	1	0	0	78.8	93.9	100.0
Politics	17	5	6	3	2	1	0	0	64.7	82.4	100.0
Psychology	19	2	6	6	5	0	0	0	42.1	73.7	100.0
Extra A Levels	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
PRE-U		D1/D2	D3/M1	M2	M3	P1	P2	P3	% D1-M1	% D1-M2	% Pass
DT Product Design	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
English Literature	33	11	22	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
French	14	5	6	3	0	0	0	0	78.6	100.0	100.0
German	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
History of Art	10	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	80.0	100.0	100.0
Mandarin	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Spanish	16	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	100.0	100.0	100.0
2018 Grade Totals	493	155	192	92	31	19	4	0			
2018 Grade %		31.44	38.95	18.7	6.29	3.85	0.81	0	70.4	89.0	100.0
Previous years' Grade Summaries											



2017 Grade Totals	501	116	236	100	43	5	1	0			
2017 Grade %		23.15	47.11	20	8.58	1	0.2	0	70.3	90.2	100.0
2016 Grade totals	479	163	189	93	30	3	1	0			
2016 Grade %		34.03	39.46	19.4	6.26	0.63	0.21	0	73.5	92.9	100.0
2015 Grade totals	472	116	186	112	42	11	5	0			
2015 Grade %		24.6	39.4	23.7	8.9	2.3	1.1	0.0	64.0	87.7	100.0
2014 Grade totals	507	130	217	124	29	6	1	0			
2014 Grade %		25.64	42.8	24.5	5.72	1.18	0.2	0	68.4	92.9	100.0
2013 Grade totals	491	121	197	120	35	14	4	0			
2013 Grade %		24.64	40.12	24.4	7.13	2.85	0.81	0	64.8	89.2	100.0
2012 Grade Totals	501	123	211	104	47	14	2	0			
2012 Grade %		24.6	42.1	20.8	9.4	2.8	0.4	0	66.7	87.4	100.0
2011 Grade Totals	502	159	224	85	29	2	3	0			
2011 Grade %		31.7	44.6	16.9	5.8	0.4	0.6	0	76.3	93.2	100.0
2010 Grade Totals	500	147	200	116	23	11	3	0			
2010 Grade %		29.4	40.0	23.2	4.6	2.2	0.6	0.0	69.4	92.6	100.0