

## Our Academic Achievements 2016-17

### GCSE RESULTS

This year ArtsEd was, once again, the most successful performing arts school in the U.K. It is important to emphasise that as a school we do not select on academic ability, but we have always been confident that our small class sizes, our positive and supportive pupil/teacher relationships and our excellent curriculum enable students of all abilities to achieve to a very high level. This year's results demonstrate that these features of ArtsEd are empowering our pupils to surpass expectations.

In terms of educational progress and attainment the actual results achieved by the Year 11 cohort in their GCSEs were compared to their predicted results according to the CAT (cognitive ability test) data supplied by GL Learning, which is a nationally recognised provider of educational statistics. This year we were very pleased that in our GCSEs over 60% of the examination results exceeded the CAT predictions. This is a very successful figure that is significantly higher than the national and regional expectation and one of which we are very proud.

Overall the pass rate for GCSE was 100%, with a record number of students achieving 8 or more A\* to C passes!

We are also delighted that all our pupils have gone on to study A-level or BTEC courses at their first choice colleges or schools - including ArtsEd Sixth Form of course.

A statistic that demonstrates that we are also extending our most able students is that 35% of all the grades were of the A\* and A grade level and overall 65% of our results were B, A or A\* which is very pleasing indeed.

To illustrate the range of pupil achievement, below are just some of the departmental results from this academic year;

Subject	Percentage of grades at A* - C
Art, Dance, Drama, English Language, English Literature, French, Geography, History, Italian, Media Studies, Photography, Polish, Russian	100%
Music, Science	90-99%
Maths, Additional Science	80-89%

In the core subject areas of Maths, English and Science we are particularly proud that the results exceeded the CAT predictions by over 50% and overall the students achieved six times more A\*s and As than predicted by the national baseline data. **The published figure of 5 A\*-Cs including Maths and English is 88%** which is significantly higher than regional and national averages and which demonstrates our continuing success at this level.

## AS RESULTS

At AS level this year 77% of the grades were of an A or B grade which is a wonderful achievement on the part of Year 12, and places them in an excellent position as the students move into Year 13.

## A2 RESULTS

Excellent results from last year continued to be built upon with 20% of all grades achieved were A\* or A, and 74% were A\*, A or B which is a wonderful achievement and significantly above the national average. When combined with our BTEC results, **90% of all results were A\*-B or equivalent**, which is a wonderful achievement and cements our position as the most academically successful performing arts school in the U.K.

Subject	Percentage achieving an A*, A or B grade or the equivalent BTEC D*, D, M
BTEC Acting	100%
BTEC Dance	100%
BTEC Musical Theatre	100%
Art, Maths, History, History of Art	100%
Dance, Drama, History of Art, Film Studies, Media Studies, Photography, Spanish	75% -99%

## BTEC RESULTS

We are singularly proud of our BTEC cohort who succeeded in achieving an outstanding set of results with 99% securing a Triple Distinction\* Distinction combination (equivalent to 3 A\* /A grades A level) and 1% securing a Distinction\*/Distinction/ Merit combination (equivalent to 3 A levels at A\*-B). These results continue to promote ArtsEd as the number one centre in the U.K. for BTEC Performing Arts in Musical Theatre, Acting, and Dance.

## HIGHER EDUCATION DESTINATIONS

This year the majority of our Year 13 students wanted to carry on with vocational training, and they secured places to study courses in Acting, Dance, Musical Theatre and Visual Arts in some of the most prestigious institutions in the UK and overseas. Former ArtsEd Sixth Form students are currently studying at;

Alvin Ailey, ArtsEd; Royal Central School of Speech and Drama; Drama Centre, GSA, LAMDA; Mountview; RADA; Laban; Northern School Of Contemporary Dance; PARTS; Rambert; The Royal College of Music; CCW School of Art; London Met; The National Film and Television School; NYU.

We are also very proud that we have former students studying more traditional subjects such as Psychology and English at Russell Group universities such as Warwick and Exeter, which demonstrates our commitment to supporting and encouraging all our students as individuals to continue learning and to pursue their personal ambitions.

## CONCLUDING COMMENTS

We are very proud of all our pupils and sixth formers and their academic achievements this year. With excellent teaching staff, small class sizes and wonderfully positive learning relationships we believe that we really do put the Arts at the heart of an outstanding education. ArtsEd is a place where young people work hard, achieve excellent examination results, and produce outstanding performance work, all in a learning environment that is truly unique. Well done everyone!