

Results for 2018

How do we feel about our students' successes?

Over 140 students sat A Level examinations at The Downs School this year. 8% of entries gained A* grades, 33% A*-A grades, 65% A*- B grades and 85% A*-C grades. The students have achieved a phenomenal set of results, surpassing the extremely strong results achieved by last year's highly successful Y13 cohort. This maintains The Downs School's tradition of consistently high standards.

Headteacher Chris Prosser said, 'This Year Group have really excelled, rising to meet the demands of the more challenging linear A Levels and BTECs. There are so many wonderful success stories beneath these statistics. I am really proud of all our students and what they have achieved. It has been a real team effort, with students, staff and parents having worked in partnership to make these results happen. These results are a springboard that will enable our students to achieve great things in Higher Education and employment.'

Deputy Headteacher Phil Wilson said, 'The students have done incredibly well and should be really proud of what they have achieved. It is worth pointing out that twenty one of our students achieved three or more A Levels at grade A or A*, which shows incredible levels of hard work and commitment.'

Head of Sixth Form Pete Hogan said, 'The Year Group have shown such a positive attitude, right from the start. This determination to succeed, combined with the commitment of their teachers and the support of their parents, has enabled the Year Group to achieve some of our best results ever.'

How do our students' results compare with national figures?

A Level Results	
The Downs School 1718	National 1718
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A* - 8%• A*- A – 33%• A* - B – 65%• A* - C – 85%• A* - E – 98%	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A* - 8%• A*- A – 26%• A* - B – 53%• A* - C – 77%• A* - E – 98%

In common with most Sixth Forms, we use ALPS (Advanced Level Performance Systems) to gauge the progress our students make compared with other Sixth Form providers.

ALPS judges the 2018 results to be red hot, in the top 25% of Sixth Form providers for adding value to our students.

Information on 2018 Results

- What progress have our students made compared with students across England? 0.14 (academic); 0.04 (applied general)
- What is the average grade our students get at 16-19 study? B-
- What is the progress made by our students who were required to resit English Language GCSE? On average, they improved by 2.30 of a grade
- What is the progress made by our students who were required to resit Mathematics GCSE? On average, they improved by 0.92 of a grade

Results for 2017

How do we feel about our students' successes?

139 students sat A2 examinations at The Downs School this year. The students achieved 31% A*-A grades, 60% A*- B grades and 81% A*-C grades. The students have achieved an outstanding set of results, continuing to maintain The Downs School Sixth Form's track record of high performance at A Level and BTEC.

Headteacher Chris Prosser said, 'I am so proud of our students and their amazing achievements this year. These are outstanding results and there are so many wonderful success stories that lie beneath these statistics. What impresses me the most is that we are enabling our students to make real and sustained progress from the moment they enter our Sixth Form. This reaffirms our strong ethos of 'challenge for all'. My biggest pleasure is knowing that so many of these students will now be able to access their chosen destinations, whether that will be university, apprenticeships or a career. I wish them all the best on their next adventure.'

Deputy Headteacher Phil Wilson said, 'Our students have produced outstanding results and should be really proud of what they have achieved. They have been given a huge amount of support by their teachers and parents, but the success they have achieved really comes down to them and the amazing attitudes to learning they have shown as a Year Group.'

How do our students' results compare with national figures?

A Level Results	
The Downs School 1617	National 1617
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Information on 2017 Results

- What progress have our students made compared with students across England? 0.04 (academic); 0.01 (applied general)
- What is the average grade our students get at 16-19 study? C+
- What is the progress made by our students who were required to resit English Language GCSE? On average, they improved by 0.33 of a grade
- What is the progress made by our students who were required to resit Mathematics GCSE? On average, they improved by 0.83 of a grade
- How many of our students remain on their courses until the programme of study ends. For A Level, our retention is 99%, compared with the national figure of 96%. For BTEC, our retention is 100%, compared with the national figure of 88%.

Student Destinations

	Total students in Year 13	% of Y13 students who accepted a university offer	% of students who have accepted a university offer at a Russell Group university	% of students who have accepted a university offer at a 1994 Group university	% of students who have accepted a university offer at either a Russell Group or 1994 Group university
2015	153	64%	48%		
2016	164	65%	40%	3%	42%
2017	139	80%	50%	10%	60%

In 2015, what percentage of students leaving the Sixth Form:	The Downs School	National
Entered education, employment or training	94%	89%
Began apprenticeships	3%	7%
Joined any education institution	71%	66%
Joined a UK higher education institution	63%	51%