



GCSE Result Update August 2024

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I am delighted to write to you with positive news of the GCSE Results achieved by our departing Year 11 students today. I must begin by congratulating the students on their achievements and their families who supported the journey to this point.

This year saw the first outcomes for students from our new expanded curriculum model that was launched in September 2023, offering students a much broader choice of option subjects and learning opportunities. Initial analysis of the results shows that we have continued what is a now a seven-year upward trend of sustained improvement and that:

> The exam results are once again the best the school has ever achieved in terms of attainment since it opened in 2015. This is particularly pleasing given that we were heavily oversubscribed in 2023/24, significantly expanding our number of Year 11 student places.

> Students had the widest range of Level 2/ GCSE options to choose from: Media Studies, Protective and Uniformed Services, Sport and Fitness, Art, Religious Studies, Biology, Construction, Food Preparation and Nutrition; core subjects: English Language, English Literature, Maths and Physics.

> Students achieved the highest number of level 5 - 8 qualifications ever in English Language, English Literature, Maths, Religious Studies and Media Studies.

> The majority of Year 11 students achieved at least 6 Level 2/ GCSE qualifications

> We saw 100% Level 2 pass rates in GCSEs Art, Media Studies, Food Preparation and Nutrition, Biology and Protective and Uniformed Services.

A special mention must also go to our Year 10 students. As part of our new curriculum model, students in Year 10 had the opportunity to complete three Level 2/ GCSE qualifications. This means that these students move forward in to Year 11 next year with a number of qualifications already secured.

Those of you familiar with The Edge will be aware that our departing Year 11 students have once again been a pleasure to work with and it is no surprise to us that every single one of them now has an appropriate career pathway in place for September. As always, I would like to pay tribute to our team of staff for the manner in which they continue to support and grow The Edge's provision and outcomes in recent years- this has only been made possible through their commitment and it is a joy to work with them all.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to families and the wider community for all of the support we receive from you - we will continue to be a welcoming, friendly and stable place for our students.

Please contact me directly at adam.smith@theedgeacademy.co.uk if there is anything else we can be doing at present to help and support.

Yours sincerely,



Adam Smith

Principal

