

The Boswells School

GCSE and A Level Examination Results Booklet 2019



From the Headteacher

I am very proud to report that students at The Boswells School have achieved outstanding results at GCSE and A level again this year, which builds on an excellent and long standing reputation for achieving high levels of academic success. 2019 was another superb year for The Boswells School with our GCSE and A Level results making us one of the highest performing non selective secondary schools in Essex.

At GCSE level, our Year 11 students made more progress from their starting points when they entered the school than any previous year group and made significantly more progress than students nationally (Progress 8 = 0.25).

83% of all students achieved a 'good pass' (Grade 4+) in English (either Language or Literature or both) and 71% of students achieved a good pass in Mathematics. Both of these measures are significantly above the national averages for these subject areas, as was the percentage of students achieving a 'strong pass (Grade 5+). We are also delighted that a number of students achieved Grade 9 in both of these subjects and that 35% of our students achieved the English Bacallaureate (compared to 24% nationally – 2018 data).

	Boswells Grade 4+	National Grade 4+	Boswells Grade 5+	National Grade 5+
English Language	74	62	55	45
English Literature	79	74	59	56
Mathematics	71	60	44	40

There were also a number of outstanding results in other GCSE subjects that were also significantly above the national average. Art & Design, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Combined Science, Computer Science, Dance, Geography, German, History, Music, Physics, Religious Education and Spanish all achieved grades well above the national average. It is also extremely pleasing to note that over 20% of all grades awarded to our students were awarded a grade 7 or above and that the percentage of our students achieving at least one grade 9 was well above the national average.

In a national context where GCSE grade boundaries and pass marks are being pushed even higher, it is very pleasing to note that our students, once again, performed outstandingly. As well as securing such a high percentage of GCSE grades, I am also delighted that our Progress Measures and Value Added scores are so positive. This reflects the fact that all our students perform well above their target grades. We are a comprehensive school and our Progress Measures show that, regardless of academic ability on entry to the school, all our students perform well above the levels of progress expected.

Our A Level results were once again excellent and our 3 year ALPS rating is a high grade 3, which means our Sixth Form students consistently achieve well above the national average. 55% of all grades awarded were at A*-B, 88% of all grades were at A*-C and 99.7% of all grades awarded were pass grades in the 30 A Level subjects that the school offers. Our BTEC Level 3 results were also outstanding with no student achieving less than a 'Distinction': 44% achieved a Distinction* and 56% achieved a Distinction.

Every single student worked incredibly hard and deserved their success. I would like to stress how impressive the performance of our students actually is. It has become more challenging to achieve the top grades in the new style GCSEs and A Levels but, despite this, we continue to produce outstanding results. I would like to thank the staff whose expertise and tireless support of the students has helped us achieve these results. Our continued high performance means that more and more of our students are achieving the highest levels attainment and are able to successfully make their next steps in their lives. Our results are significantly above the Essex schools average and the national average for performance at GCSE and A Level and we are proud to continue to produce such high levels of attainment.

Stephen Mansell
Headteacher
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Part One - GCSE and Level 1/2 Qualifications-Year 11 2019

Reformed (New) GCSEs in English and Mathematics

% of students achieving a GCSE in English	99%
% of students achieving a GCSE in Mathematics	99%

Measure	Boswells	National
% of students achieving a 'Good Pass' (Grade 4+) in English Language	74	62
% of students achieving a 'Good Pass' (Grade 4+) in English Literature	79	73
% of students achieving a 'Good Pass' (Grade 4+) in Mathematics	71	60
% of students achieving a 'Strong Pass' (Grade 5+) in English Language	55	45
% of students achieving a 'Strong Pass' (Grade 5+) in English Literature	59	56
% of students achieving a 'Strong Pass' (Grade 5+) in Mathematics	44	40
% of students achieving the English Baccalaureate 'Good Pass'	35	24 (2018 data)

Reformed (New) GCSE Results by subject – All figures are in percentages

Name	Boswells 9-4	National 9-4
Art & Design	90	75
Biology	97	90
Business Studies	83	66
Chemistry	97	90
Computing	94	62
Dance	88	71
English Language	74	62
English Literature	79	74
French	60	70
Geography	77	66
German	100	76
History	78	64
Home Economics (Food Preparation & Nutrition)	58	66
Mathematics	71	60
Media Studies	65	67
Music	87	77
Physical Education	62	72
Physics	98	91
Religious Education	87	72
Science (Combined) – Double Award	65	56
Spanish	75	71

Legacy (old) GCSE Results by subject- All figures are in percentages.

Name	A*-C	National A*-C
Mathematics (Further Maths)	92	-

BTEC Level 2 Qualifications

BTEC Level 1/2 First Award

	Distinction* %	Distinction %	Merit %	Pass %	Level 1 Pass %
Music Technology	25	17	42	16	0
Performing Arts (Acting)	6	11	33	44	6
Performing Arts (Musical Theatre)	16	16	21	47	0
Tourism	24	0	11	30	35

Cambridge National Qualifications

Level 1/2 Cambridge National Certificate

	Distinction* %	Distinction %	Merit %	Pass %	Level 1 Pass %
Child Development	2	12	25	20	31

Level 1/2 Vocational Awards

	Distinction* %	Distinction %	Merit %	Pass %	Level 1 Pass %
Constructing the Built Environment	9	20	21	41	6
Retail Business	0	8	25	59	8

Level 2 Certificate

	A*	A*-A	A*-B	A*-C
Constricting the Built Environment	4	40	24	32

Level 1 Gateway Qualification

	Pass
Skills in Progression Level 1 Diploma	100%
Skills in Progression Level 2 Diploma	100%

Part Two - A Level and Level 3 BTEC Figures-Year 13 2019

A Level Headline figures-All figures are in percentages

Measure	Result
A*- B Grades	54
A*- C Grades	88
A*/A Grades	19
A*-E Grade	99

A Level Results by subject- All figures are in percentages.

Qualification Name	A*-B%	A*-C%	A*-E%
Art & Design	50	100	100
Biology	35	77	100
Business Studies	53	95	100
Chemistry	39	54	92.3
Computer Science	40	80	100
Dance	50	100	100
Economics	46	92	100
English Language	38	100	100
English Literature	100	100	100
Extended Project Qualification	64	86	100
Further Mathematics	40	60	100
Geography	60	85	100
German	100	100	100
History	68	100	100
Law	75	96	100
Mathematics	59	86	100
Media Studies	69	100	100
Music	17	50	100
Philosophy & Ethics	77	92	100
Photography	50	100	100
Physics	22	67	100
Politics	56	89	100
Psychology	44	85	100
Sociology	57	91	100
Spanish	40	100	100
Sport/PE Studies	38	63	100

BTEC Level 3 Qualifications

	Distinction*	Distinction	Merit	Pass
Performing Arts	44	56	0	0