

GCSE Result Update August 2022

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Despite all of the difficulties caused by the Coronavirus pandemic during the last three academic years, 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, which are all the more impressive given that they are the first Year 11 cohort since 2019 to return to exams.

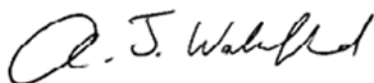
As you would expect given our recent “Outstanding Support for Students” award at the Midlands Education Awards, initial analysis of the results shows that we have continued what is a now a **five-year upward trend of sustained improvement** and that:

- The exam results are once again the best ever the school has ever achieved since it opened in 2015, both in terms of attainment and progress. This is particularly pleasing given that we were oversubscribed in 2021/22 (expanding our intake by 42% compared to 2021 and 69% compared to 2020) and entered our biggest ever cohort of Year 11 students for exams.
- For the first time ever in our exam history, the majority of all Year 11 students achieved 5 Level 2 qualifications (securing a 65% increase in this measure since exams in 2019) with an impressive 33% of all students passing 7 Level 2 qualifications and 48% passing 6 Level 2 qualifications or more.
- Examinations were passed with the highest percentage of grades at Grades 4, 5 and 6 since the school opened.
- The broadening of our “Safe, Ready, Respectful” curriculum in recent years now means that students pass a more diverse range of option subjects than ever before, with Year 11 students this year for the first time passing qualifications in English Language and Literature, Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Food, Art, Media Studies, Health and Social Care, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, Hair and Beauty, Construction and Horticulture.

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 have transformed The Edge’s provision and outcomes in recent years- this has only been made possible through their hard work 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 as we embark on our new three-year plan for “*Unleashing Greatness through our Safe, Ready, Respectful Values*”. Please contact me directly at andrew.wakefield@theedgeacademy.co.uk if there is anything else we can be doing at present to help and support.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Wakefield".

Andrew Wakefield

Principal