

**Safe, Ready, Respectful**



## GCSE Result Update August 2023

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Despite all of the difficulties caused by the Coronavirus pandemic during the last four 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 grading standards were adjusted this year with the intention that they reflect the grade distribution of pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

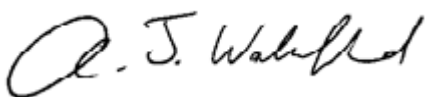
As you would expect given our "Alternative Provision Team of the Year" award at this year's National PRUsAP Conference, initial analysis of the results shows that we have continued what is a now a **six-year upward trend of sustained improvement** and that:

- 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 2022/23, expanding our intake by 14% compared to 2021/22.
- For the first time ever in our exam history, the majority of all Year 11 students achieved at least 6 Level 2 qualifications, securing an impressive 16% increase in this measure since last year. 92% of our students achieved 5 or more Level 2 qualifications, 22% up on last year, an incredible 87% up from 2019 and even better in this measure than when exams were not held in 2020 and 2021.
- 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 passing qualifications in English Language and Literature, Maths, Biology, Food, Art, Media Studies, Health and Social Care, Motor Vehicle Mechanics, Parenting, Hair and Beauty, Construction and Horticulture.
- 7 of our Year 10 students have achieved vocational qualifications in record time and already have these banked as they move into Year 11 in September 2023.

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 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 as we keep going with the work around our three-year plan for "*Unleashing Greatness through our Safe, Ready, Respectful Values*". Please contact me directly at [andrew.wakefield@theedgeacademy.co.uk](mailto:andrew.wakefield@theedgeacademy.co.uk) if there is anything else we can be doing at present to help and support.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Wakefield

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