

Cleeve Park School Examination Results 2009

We are pleased to report that our students have achieved excellent examination results this year.

Many staff were in school on results day to share the delight of students when they received their grades and realised that they would open doors to opportunities that would otherwise have been closed to them.

1. GCSE Results 2009

At GCSE our students achieved our best ever results with 62.1% of students gaining 5+ A*-C grades and an impressive 39.5% gaining 5+ A*-C including English and Mathematics.

Unlike some schools we do **not** make it compulsory for our students to take certain BTEC courses, which can carry a tariff of up to 4 GCSEs per course and artificially inflate the 5+GCSE figure. Consequently, our GCSE results are a genuine representation of the hard work and effort of our students across five separate subjects rather than the sum total of what amounts to one BTEC course + one additional GCSE!

GCSE	2009	2008	2007	2006
5+ A*-C	62.1% ↑	52% ↑	51% ↑	47%
5+A*-C Including Eng & Maths	39.5% ↑	35.4% ↑	30.21% ↑	30.19%
5+A*-G	93.8% ↑	82.3% ↑	81%	84%
1 A*-G	98.6% ↑	95% ↑	95% ↑	92%
Average Point Score	384.40 ↑	329 ↑	310.38 ↑	302.92
Average Capped Point Score	296.02 ↑	260 ↑	252 ↑	247

Many students gained the highest grades including one who achieved 10 A* or A grades.

2. GCSE Early Entry Results

In order to challenge our students and enable them to achieve when they are ready, a number of students were entered for GCSE Science modules early in Year 10.

When Year 11 2009 were in Year 10, 96% of students entered achieved A*-C grades in their core Science modules and, across the whole year group, 46% achieved A*-C grades and 89% achieved a pass grade in their modular exams. These results are now included in their overall 2009 GCSE results

3. A-Level Results 2009

At A Level we have built on progress last year with an 8.8% improvement in entries achieving an A-C grade, rising from 48.3% in 2008 to 57.1% in 2009. The pass rate has also risen from 95% to 98.6%.

A Level	2009	2008	2007	2006
1+ A-C	57.1% ↑	48.3%	56.6% ↑	26%
Overall Pass Rate	98.6% ↑	95% ↑	91% ↑	89%
ALPS Value Added Grade	2 (Outstanding)	2 ↑ (Outstanding)	3 ↑ (Excellent)	7

4. The ALPS Value Added Score – What does it mean?

In order for us to know how well our students have achieved we take part in the A Level Performance System (ALPS). This is a nationally recognised system for comparing our performance at A Level with that of other schools. It provides a number of value added grades to show how students have achieved taking into account their prior attainment.

Key

ALPS Value Added Grade 1 Above the top benchmark value added score	Outstanding
ALPS Value Added Grade 2 Scoring between the 90 th & 99 th percentile	Outstanding
ALPS Value Added Grade 3 Scoring between the 75 th & 89 th percentile	Excellent
ALPS Value Added Grade 4 Scoring between the 60 th & 74 th percentile	Very Good
ALPS Value Added Grade 5 Scoring between the 40 th & 59 th percentile	Good
ALPS Value Added Grade 6 Scoring between the 25 th & 39 th percentile	Satisfactory
ALPS Value Added Grade 7 Scoring between the 10 th & 24 th percentile	Unsatisfactory
ALPS Value Added Grade 8 Scoring between the 1 st & 9 th percentile	Relatively Poor
ALPS Value Added Grade 9 Worse then the worst score achieved	Poor

The table above indicates that our value added scores have ranged from ‘Very Good’ to ‘Outstanding’ over the last three years.

Consequently, our three year average value added grade from 2007 to 2009 is **Grade 3 – ‘Excellent’**.

This demonstrates significant progress since 2007 and follows the clean bill of health given to the sixth form by our OFSTED monitoring visit in February 2008.

5. AS Level Results 2009

Standards have also improved at AS Level. Year 12 achieved an 8.2% improvement in entries achieving an A-C grade, rising from 38.2% in 2008 to 46.4% in 2009. The overall pass rate has also risen from 84.3% to 85%.

Similar progress is reflected in the Year 13 AS Level results with an 8.5% improvement in entries achieving an A-C Grade, rising from 34.6% in 2008 to 43.1% in 2009. The overall pass rate has also risen from 82.1% in 2008 to 83.6% in 2009.

AS Level	2009	2008	2007
Y13 A-C	43.1% ↑	34.6% ↑	34.5%
Y13 A-E	83.6% ↑	82.1% ↑	65.5%
Y12 A-C	46.4% ↑	38.2% ↑	28.7%
Y12 A-E	85.0% ↑	84.3% ↑	78.7%

6. Conclusion

I would like to congratulate our students on their success and thank the teachers and support staff that helped them to make the most of their talents and abilities.

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