



## Archbishop Tenison's Church of England High School

### GCSE Results 2021

Congratulations to our Year 11 pupils on their recent results. So many of them did so well in these very challenging circumstances, without the usual opportunities of external exams. This was a considerable test of their character and resilience over the last year and a half. Particularly since their return to school last June, we have been impressed with the determination and commitment they have shown to their academic studies. They worked together as a year group and supported one another well, too. We are delighted that so many of them have emerged from this year with some very good and well deserved high grades and can progress on with such confidence into the Sixth Form or on to equivalent courses elsewhere.

Not having external exams this year was a challenge for all of us. As you will be aware, the grades this summer were based on Teacher Assessed Grades (TAGs), submitted to the exam boards as a holistic assessment of students' performance in a subject, following a rigorous process of assessment, moderation and quality assurance. After external quality assurance checks had been completed, these grades were approved by the relevant exam board. Having seen this process carefully through each stage, we know how robust and thorough it has had to be: the grades which have resulted from the careful and rigorous internal assessment are strong and well evidenced.

Overall, 75% of pupils achieved 4+ in both English and Maths and 47% achieved a strong 5+ in both English and Maths. This follows 69.4% in 2020, 66% in 2019 and 68% in 2018. 63.2% achieved a 4+ in two Sciences. 69.4% achieved a 4+ in either History or Geography and 79% achieved 4+ in Religious Studies.

Subjects which recorded an impressive set of results at Grade 4+ included: Music - 93%; Drama - 91%; Computer Science - 87%; Art - 85%; English Literature - 81%; Maths - 80%; and Design and Technology – also 80%.

Overall, 21% of the grades were 7 – 9. In several subjects there were also high numbers of pupils achieving the highest possible grades. The percentage of pupils achieving a grade 7-9 was as follows: in Music 60%, in Chemistry 48%, Physics 41% and Biology also 41%; in Drama 36%, Art 35%, Religious Studies 30%, Geography 29% and both Physical Education and Maths 27%.