

LJS exam results Press Release August 2018

Successful outcomes at LJS for Class of 2018

Despite yet more significant changes to the exams and qualifications framework nationally, Year 11 students at Laurence Jackson School, Guisborough have improved on their achievement from previous years.

Cohort 2018 are judged using the new 9-1 grading system for GCSE's in most subjects, with a few GCSE's continuing to be rated using the 'old' grading system of A*-G grades.

This new 9-1 grading system describes grade 4 as a 'standard pass' and grade 5 as a 'strong pass' (high C and low B on the old grading system). The DfE reminds parents that the content of the new GCSEs is more challenging and results from the reformed GCSEs **cannot be compared with the old GCSE's as they are entirely new courses with a new grading system.**

It is a testament to the hard work of staff and students that results for 2018 show improving outcomes in many subject areas. In particular overall progress and attainment have improved from 2017 and there has been a significant increase in the number of students achieving top grades, with an impressive **78 Grade 9's** being awarded across the school and several students achieving grades 9s or A*s in all their subjects.

Subjects with particularly strong outcomes are Art, Astronomy, Biology, Child Development, Dance, Engineering, Food Technology, Health & Social Care, Performing Arts, Physics, Polish and Statistics, all achieving 100% pass rate for 9-4 grades and Astronomy, Child Development, Performing Arts, Polish and Statistics achieving 100% for 9-5 grades.

It should also be remembered that exam results, important as they are, only represent part of the bigger educational picture. As well as performing so well academically, we would like to take this opportunity to commend cohort 2018 for participating wholeheartedly in so many other areas of school and community life. They proved to be outstanding role models and are excellent ambassadors for the school, their families and the wider local community. They deserve their success and everyone at LJS wishes them all the very best for the future. We would also like to sincerely thank the staff – teaching and support, for their exceptional commitment to cohort 2018 and to fulfilling our motto of 'Improving Life Chances'.

Catherine Jukes
Headteacher

LJS Headline Figures

Performance Measures	2018 GCSE Results (%)	National Averages (NA)
% 9-4 in English & Maths	65 %	N/A at this time
English Baccalaureate	23.9 %	N/A at this time

English 9 – 4	77.9%	N/A for best English grade
English 9 – 5	59.7%	N/A for best English grade
English 9 – 7	21.2%	N/A for best English grade
Maths 9 – 4	67.3 %	70.9 %
Maths 9 – 5	50.4 %	50.4 %
Maths 9 - 7	20.6 %	20.0 %
Biology 9 – 4	100 %	90.3 %
Biology 9 – 5	97.6 %	79.7 %
Biology 9 - 7	58.5 %	42.5 %
Chemistry 9 – 4	100 %	90.0 %
Chemistry 9 – 5	97.6 %	78.0 %
Chemistry 9 - 7	63.4 %	43.3 %
Physics 9 – 4	100 %	90.9 %
Physics 9 – 5	97.6 %	78.8 %
Physics 9 - 7	61.0 %	42.7 %
Combined Science 9 – 4	65.5 %	58.4 %
Combined Science 9 – 5	46.8 %	33.3 %
Combined Science 9 - 7	5.3 %	7.4 %

Congratulations to all our students and good luck for the future.

Some Student Successes

- 1 student achieved 13 grade 9s or A* across the board
- 15 Students, gained 10 or more 9-7 or A*B grades
- 36 students gained 5 or more 9-7 or A*B grades
- 99 students, 43.8% of all grades were 9-7 or A*/B
- 213 students 94.3 % gained at least one grades 9-1 or A* - G passes