



ACADEMIC RESULTS 2022–23

⁶⁶ As a community, we have developed an environment and culture in which our students are supported to perform to the very best of their ability. This underpins our record of academic success as a school, and we take pride in the hard work, enjoyment, and inspiration, which is to be found daily as a result. Our curriculum is focused on enabling every student to access subjects and courses which challenge, inspire, and prepare them for their chosen postschool destination. By drawing on the best of what both A Level and Scottish SQA Higher qualifications have to offer, we are able to provide real flexibility of choice and approach in our Upper Sixth year. This ensures that our students are able to move forward with confidence that they are ready for the next stage. ⁹⁹

DR DALE CARTWRIGHT — Deputy Head Learning and Teaching



CELEBRATING MERCHISTON'S ACADEMIC RESULTS

In today's competitive and global workplace, it is important that your son leaves school having achieved the very best of which he is capable, equipped for his next step.

This booklet showcases the formidable academic performance of our boys. Here are some of the key facts and figures:

- 80% of leavers went to their first choice of university
- 14% of all results at A Level were A*
- 100% A Level pass rate
- 1 in 2 GCSE results are Grade 7 or above
- 91% of grades at GCSE were 9-4

To be fully prepared for the next stage, your son will also need social and life skills in abundance. These are, of course, much harder to measure in a booklet. We hope you will visit us, meet the boys and let them tell you what they have gained here, above and beyond their academic success.

GCSE RESULTS

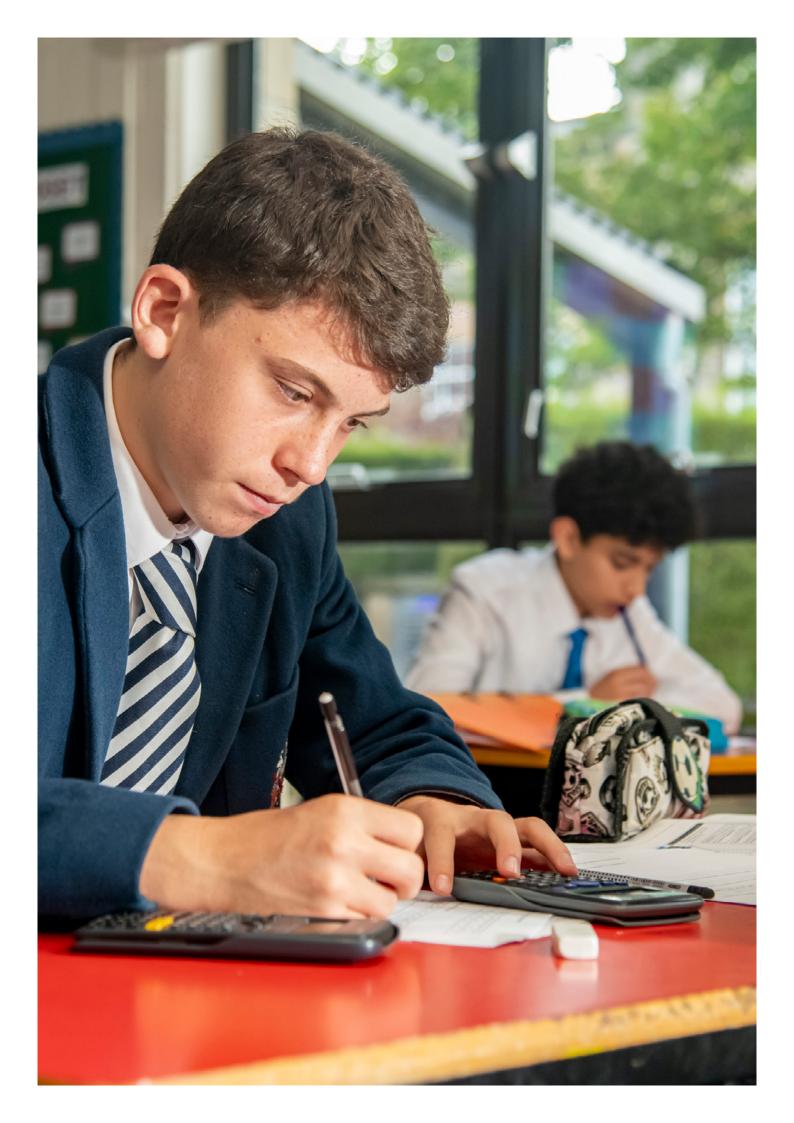
RESULT	%
GRADE 9	12
GRADES 9/8	35
GRADES 9/8/7	52
GRADES 9 - 4 (PASS RATE)	71

SCOTTISH QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY - HIGHER RESULTS

RESULT	%
PASS RATE (A - C)	78
A GRADES	12
BGRADES	41
C GRADES	25

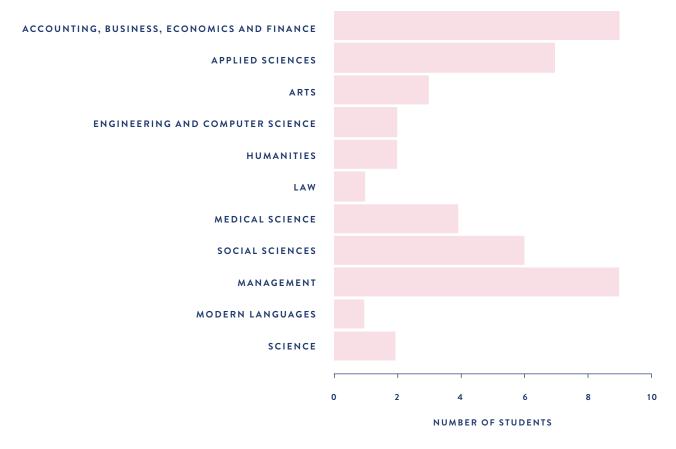
A LEVEL RESULTS

RESULT	%
GRADE A*	13
GRADE A	18
GRADE A* - A	28
GRADE A* - B	57
GRADE A* - E (OVERALL PASS)	100



MOVING ON

Many of this year's leavers will be taking up places at top UK universities — the destinations are shown on the following pages. Some of these pupils will be taking time away from their academic studies to experience living and working overseas as part of their gap year. Their careers at Merchiston prepare them well as they embark on their future study; we equip them not just with the results they require to follow their chosen path, but also with essential life skills.



UNIVERSITY COURSES 2023

⁶⁶ Teachers in the Maths Department are not only flawless in teaching, but also good at being mentors! You all stunned me, as I had not come across any teacher like you in Hong Kong. ⁹⁹

FORMER PUPIL

UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

- 1 ABERDEEN University of Aberdeen (6)
- 2 **ST ANDREWS** University of St Andrews (2)
- GLASGOW University of Glasgow (2)
 University of Strathclyde (1)
- 4 EDINBURGH Edinburgh Napier University (3)
 SRUC Scotland's Rural College (3)
 University of Edinburgh (2)
 Heriot-Watt University (2)
- 5 NEWCASTLE Newcastle University (4) Northumbria University (1)
- 6 **DURHAM** Durham University (2)
- 7 LANCASTER Lancaster University (1)
- 8 YORK University of York (2)
- 9 LEEDS Leeds Conservatoire (1)
- **10 MANCHESTER** University of Manchester (1)
- 11 NOTTINGHAM University of Nottingham (1)

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- **12 HARTPURY** Hartpury University (1)
- **13 OXFORD** Oxford Brookes University (2)
- 14 **NEWPORT** Harper Adams University (1)
- LONDON Queen Mary University of London (1) Royal Holloway, University of London (1)
- **16 READING** University of Reading (1)
- 17 **SOUTHAMPTON** University of Southampton (1)
- **18 EXETER** University of Exeter (2)

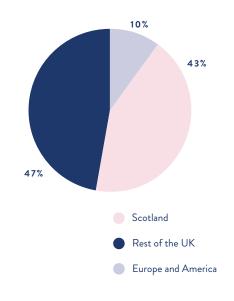
INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

UNIVERSITIES IN GERMANY AND USA



PUPIL DESTINATIONS

	NO. OF PUPILS
Percentage going to first choice university	80%
Percentage going to first or second choice of university	92%





66 We place significant trust in Merchiston when recommending it as an outstanding senior school option for boys. Former pupils who go on to Merchiston never fail to impress when they return to visit, either as senior school pupils or beyond school leaver age. Merchiston succeeds in stimulating, challenging and inspiring boys to achieve their potential and readies them for an ever-changing and increasingly complex world. 99

LIAM HARVEY — Headmaster, St. Mary's Melrose

66 Merchiston provides an outstanding, progressive all-round education, supporting boys to achieve academically and to develop as people, fully preparing them to meet the challenges of being a young man in the twenty-first century and ready to contribute to the communities in which they live. 99

MRS KATE MARTIN — Head, Mowden Hall School

⁶⁶ I've been impressed with the way that Merchiston has maintained its all-boys status and remained an environment where boys can be both nurtured and challenged. You've shown yourselves capable of getting the best of a wide range of abilities and have developed some fine young men. ⁹⁹

ROB TAYLOR — Headmaster, Cargilfield



Whatever they are harnessing in terms of my son's enthusiasm for learning, if you could bottle it you could make a fortune – they have generations of experience teaching boys and know what makes boys tick.

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