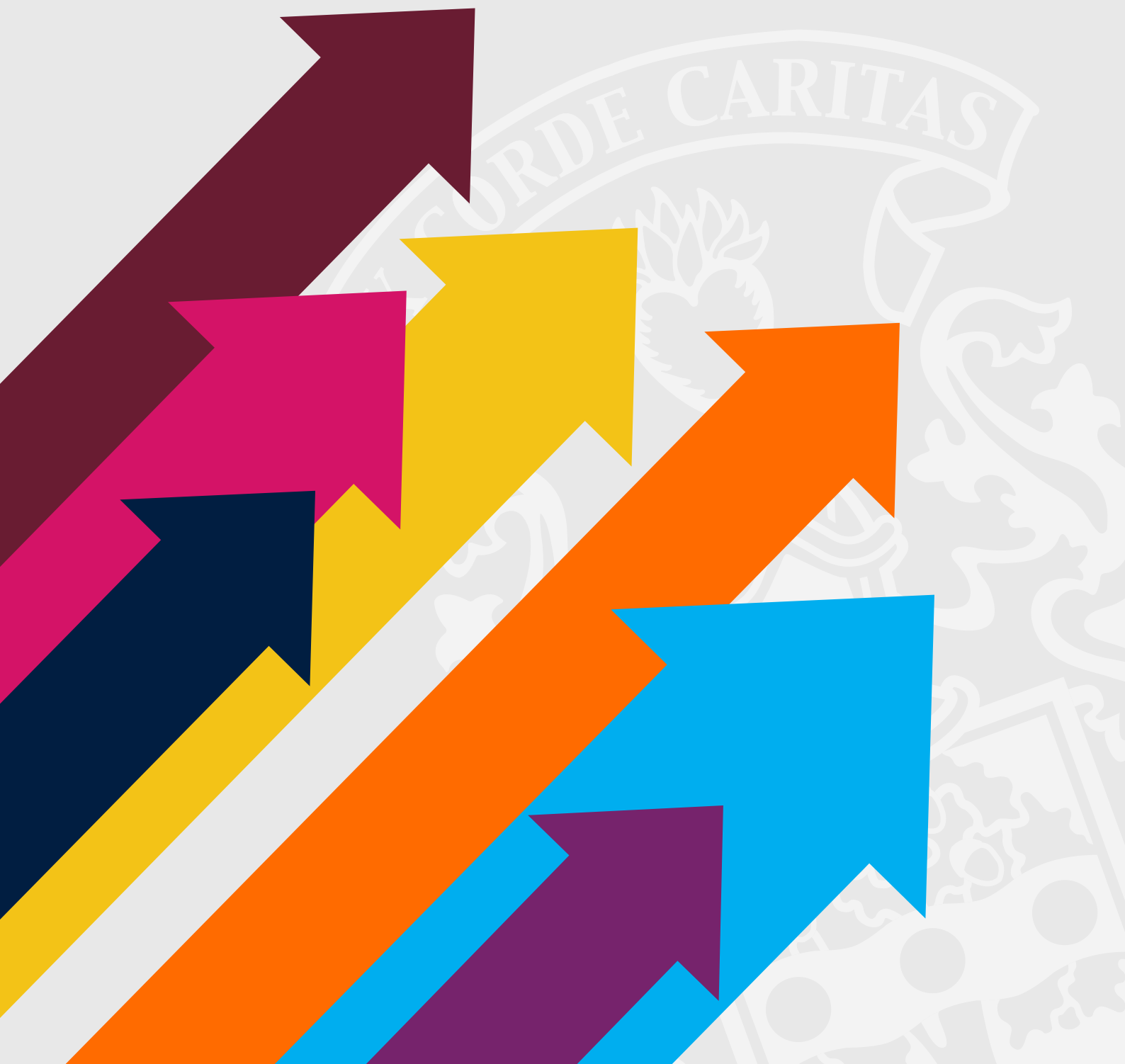




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Unwrapping Potential

Academic Achievement



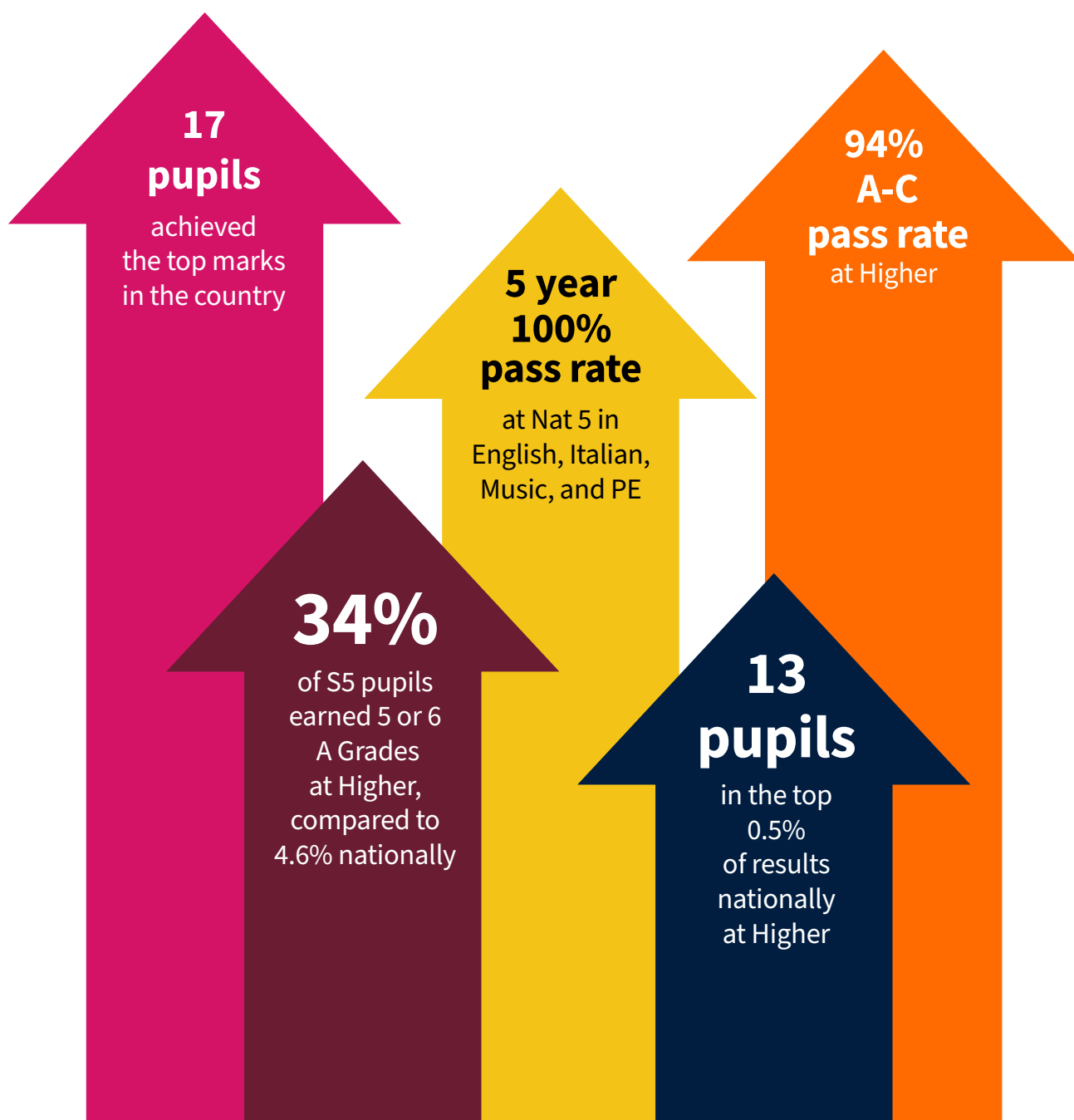


I am delighted to share with you the impressive achievements of our pupils in the 2024 exam season. At Watson's, academic excellence isn't just an aspiration, it's a tradition demonstrated year after year by hundreds of children. They excel right across what is one of the country's most extensive school curriculums. And they do so because we foster the passions of each individual pupil.

The results celebrated over the next few pages are all the more remarkable because we believe in the potential of every child, welcoming children with a wide range of talents to Watson's. We are just as proud of our five-year 100% pass rate in Nat 5 English as we are of the 17 Watson's pupils who scored the top mark in the country last year.

It's such an honour to send these remarkable young people on to the next stage of their life, well equipped to achieve in their chosen field and contribute positively to the world around them.

Lisa Kerr, Principal



At Watson's, we provide a supportive environment where academic excellence is complemented by unrivalled enrichment activities that foster personal development and help create confident, resilient young adults. We see the potential in every pupil, with a personalised approach underpinned by our values to ensure they flourish.

With an average year group size of 250 pupils, Watson's has more candidates sitting Nat 5s, Highers, and Advanced Highers than most independent schools in Scotland. Every pupil is put forward for their chosen exams, and I am incredibly proud of the consistently high results they achieve.

We publish results for both our full cohort and our Top 100 highest achievers, who consistently achieve grades that compare exceptionally well with those from highly selective schools.

Gordon Boyd, Head of Senior School



Meet our pupils



**Roger
(S4)**

9 As at Nat 5

Full marks in
Mathematics

—
Politics, Philosophy and
Economics society (PPE),
Model UN and College
Chorus

Silver DofE Award



**Amelia
(S5)**

All As across 5 Highers
and 8 Nat 5s

Highest mark nationally
for Philosophy at both
Nat 5 and Higher

—
Level C Umpire, Cellist and
Sport Coaching SCQF Level 5

Eco Committee Chair,
Chamber Choir
and netball coach



**Isla
(S6)**

All As across
4 Advanced Highers,
5 Highers and 8 Nat 5s

—
College Chorus,
Big Band and Trad Band

Piano post Grade 8

Football team captain

Top 0.5% in the country



National 5

Top 100

A-B Grade 100%

A Grade 99%

Full Cohort

A-C Grade 96%

+18% on national results

A Grade 73%

+35% on national results

**5 year
100%
pass rate**
at Nat 5 in
English, Italian,
Music, and PE

**Top
candidates
nationally**

in Geography,
German,
Maths, Music,
Philosophy
and Spanish

**30
subjects**
to choose from

**49%
of pupils**

achieved 7 or
more A grades
(compared with
10% nationally)



**Sofia
(S4)**

All As across 1 Higher
and 8 Nat 5s

SCQF level 5 Mental
Health and Wellbeing

Symphony Orchestra,
PPE, Model UN
and Debating

Mock Court Scottish
Champions

Grade 7 Violin

Higher

Top 100

A–B Grade 100%

A Grade 97%

Full Cohort

A–C Grade 94%

+19% on national results

A Grade 64%

+34% on national results



**Daithi
(S5)**

All As across
5 Highers
and 8 Nat 5s

Top mark in the country
in Higher Modern Studies

—
Chamber Chorus,
Boys' Choir,
Trad and House Bands,
PPE

Self-taught Irish
and German

**5 year
100%
pass rate**

in Art and
Design, Italian,
Latin, Mandarin,
Music and RMPS

**Top
candidates
nationally**

in Accounting,
Business
Management,
Design
& Manufacture,
Modern Studies
and Philosophy

**87
pupils**

achieved
straight As in
5 or more
Highers

**34
subjects**

to choose from





Advanced Higher

Top 100

A-C Grade 99%

A Grade 72%

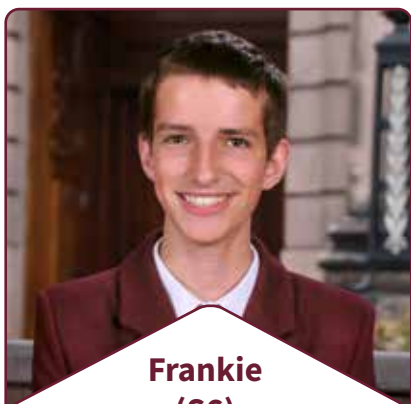
Full Cohort

A-C Grade 90%

+15% on national results

A Grade 55%

+25% on national results



**Frankie
(S6)**

All As across
4 Advanced Highers,
5 Highers
and 8 Nat 5s

—
Symphony Orchestra
and Concert Band

University of Cambridge
studying Natural Sciences

**83
pupils**

achieved
3 or more
Advanced
Highers

**5 year
100%
pass rate**

in Art & Design
Classical Studies,
French, German,
Latin, Mandarin,
Modern Studies
and Music

**28
subjects**

to choose from

**Top
candidates
nationally**

in Art & Design
Classics,
Engineering
Science,
Mathematics and
Mathematics of
Mechanics

Gateway to success

At Watson's, we take great pride in supporting our pupils as they embark on the next chapter of their academic journey. Our students leave us equipped with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive at top universities, both in Scotland and beyond. With a strong track record of university offers, our pupils are ready to make a meaningful impact in their chosen fields and contribute to the world in remarkable ways.

Watson's pupils go on to study at the UK's top universities including:

University of Oxford
University of Cambridge
University of St Andrews
Edinburgh University
Imperial College London
Durham University
University of Bath
University College London
The University of Aberdeen
The University of Glasgow

Top subjects studied

Business & Administrative Studies
Social Sciences
Biological Sciences
Mathematical Sciences
Medicine & Dentistry
Engineering & Technology
Historical & Philosophical Studies
Languages
Law
Physical Science

50%
attending
Russell Group
universities

**Our
Leavers**

are now
studying
137 different
courses, across
32 Universities

100%
of applicants
received offers

Why our pupils flourish

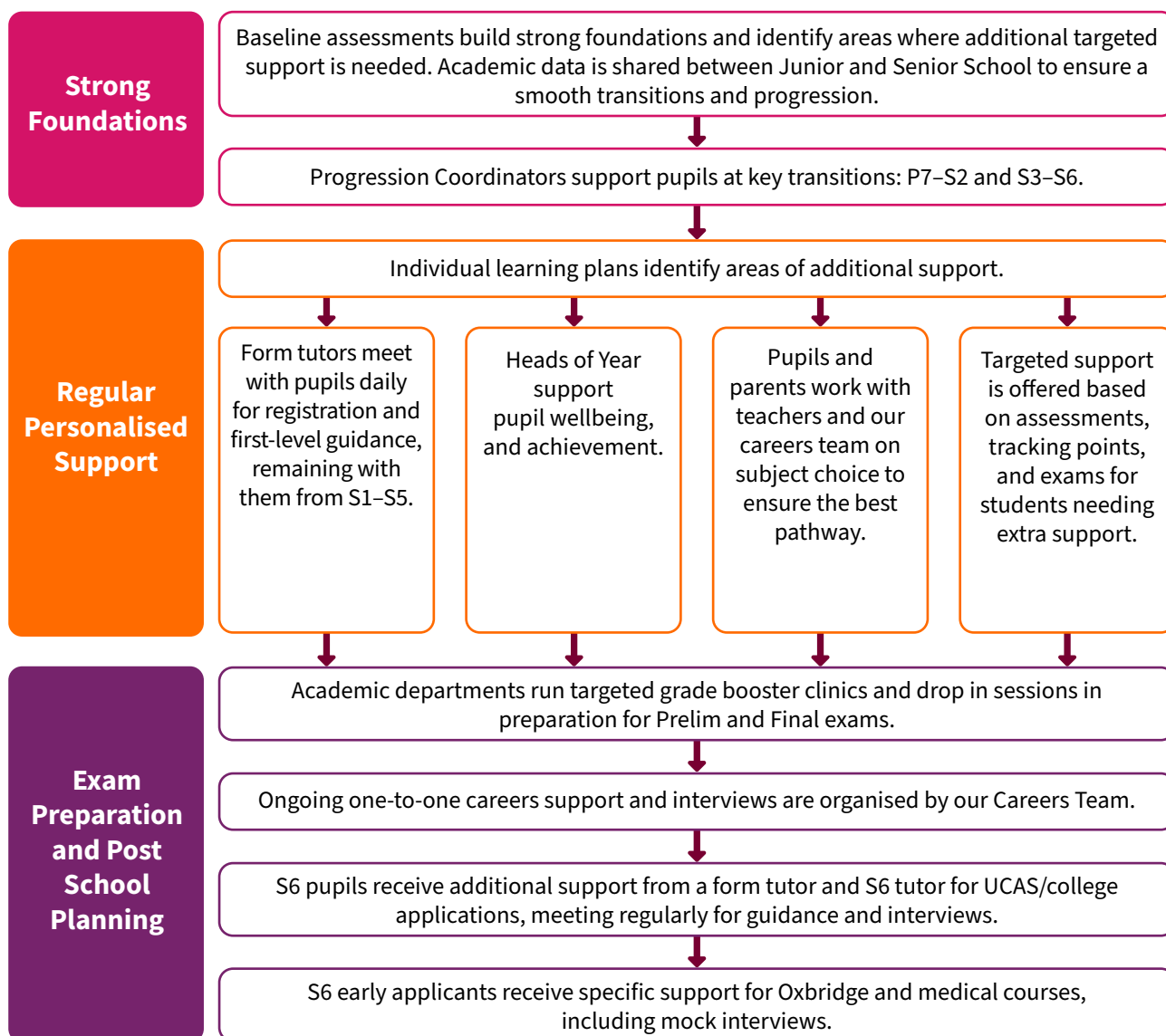
Thank you so much for your interest in George Watson's College. As Head of Academic Achievement, I'm thrilled to share with you the fantastic results that highlight our pupils' remarkable academic success and wide range of accomplishments.

What truly drives our achievements is the strong, supportive partnership between our pupils, families, and teachers. We take a personalised approach to each pupils' learning journey, focusing on proactive tracking and thorough exam preparation, so that every child has the tools and support they need to flourish.



Fiona Taylor, Assistant Headteacher - Academic Achievement

Our Approach





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