



King's
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Results 2026

Smiles of GCSE joy!



The smiles and joy on the faces of pupils, parents and staff said it all on GCSE results day. This year's results continued the upward trend for academic attainment at King's:

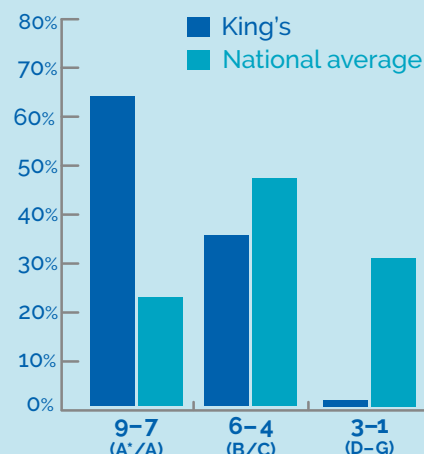
- **64%** of all grades at 9-7 (A* / A)
- **42%** of all grades at 9/8 (A*)
- **85%** of grades at 9-6 (A* - B)
- **33%** achieved at least 9 x 9-7s (A* / A)
- **80%** of pupils got a 9/8 (A*) in at least one subject

Head, Jason Slack, said: "We are incredibly proud of our Year 11 students – these outstanding GCSE results are the product of immense hard work, commitment and talent, and continue the school's year-on-year improvements in academic achievement.

"These students have balanced their studies with performing and competing at the very highest levels in sport, music and drama, embracing all aspects of school life.

"I look forward to welcoming these students into our Sixth Form, where I am confident they will continue to thrive and excel."

Amongst the high flyers who achieved a string of the top 9-7 grades are (*pictured above, left to right*) **Brianna Gargoles**, who will now study Maths, Chemistry and Biology at King's; former School Captain and rugby player **Frank Shanahan** who will now study Maths, Chemistry and Economics; first team tennis player and outstanding musician **Lucy Atkinson** who will now study Geography, Business and Psychology; rugby player **Elias Barnsley** who will now study Maths, Chemistry and Economics; trampolinist **Charlotte Grant** who achieved all 9/8s and will study A Levels in Maths, Geography and Biology; and county level swimmer and hockey player **Noah Wild** who will now take Maths, Physics and Geography A Levels.



Pictured above are students who all achieved 10 straight 9s in their GCSEs, with another top grade in their Further Maths. From left, equestrian champion and musician **Rubi Ambrey Brosnahan**, gifted musician **Harriet Bright**, netballer **Lottie Baxter** and swimmer **Harry Bracey**. All will be staying on at King's Sixth Form to study A Levels.



Stunning A Level results!

Students and parents celebrated as they reaped the rewards of their hard work with excellent results.

Sixth Form students achieved a stunning set of grades and now move on to the next chapter of their learning journey. This wonderful group of young adults achieved:

- **48%** of all grades at A* / A
- **78%** of all grades at A* - B
- **20** students achieved all A* / As
- **More than a third** of students achieved at least one A*

King's Head, Mr Jason Slack, said: "I'm absolutely thrilled with this excellent set of results for A Levels and other qualifications. This cohort has worked exceptionally hard and thoroughly deserve their success. Our school aim of 'challenging pupils to aspire, work hard and achieve' is well represented by this determined and talented group of young people."

He adds: "They have also demonstrated our holistic approach to education by developing broader skills such as leadership, resilience and independence whilst fully participating in the wider life of the school in terms of music, sports,

performing and creative arts. I look forward to hearing of their success in the future. I couldn't be more proud of them."

Miss Donna Jestin, Principal of Sixth Form, adds: "Exciting new chapters and new beginnings await this fantastic group of students, who have been a pleasure to teach.

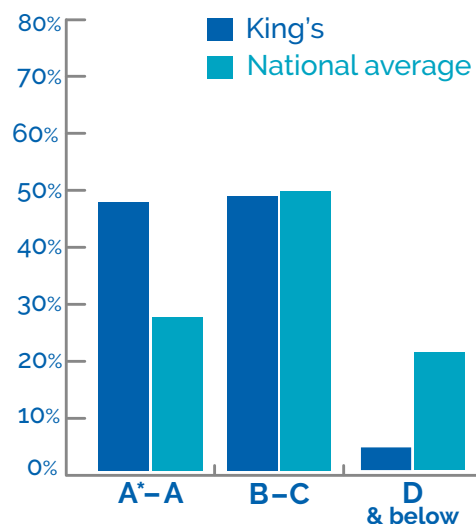
"They are off to study a varied range of courses from Graphic Design and Medicine to Law and Zoology, alongside those joining apprenticeship schemes and taking gap years - we wish them all the best of luck!"

Pictured, from left are:

Neave Stanway who achieved A*AB and is having a year travelling and a ski season in Canada before joining university.

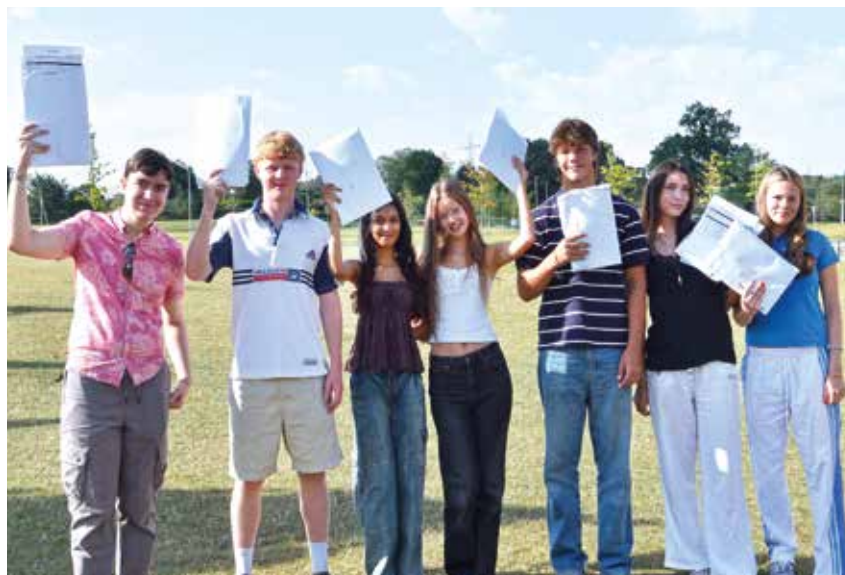
Katie Harrison

(centre) achieved AAB and is off to study Biochemistry at UCL; and **Chinmaya Aji** (right) who achieved AAA and is going to study Medicine at Lancaster University.



Pictured, from left: **Kieran Schwartz**, who achieved AAB and is off to Manchester University to study German & Spanish; **Jamie McCabe** who achieved AAA and is going to read Business Management at Exeter University; **Chinmaya Aji** who achieved AAA and is going to study Medicine at Lancaster University.

Charlotte Parker who achieved A*AA and is going to the University of York to study Physical Geography & the Environment; **James Waters** who achieved AAA and is going to study Medicine at Newcastle University; netballer **Phoebe Wilson** who achieved A*A*B and is also going to Newcastle University to study Business Management; and first team hockey player **Alexa Watkins** who is celebrating achieving A*AA and will join Liverpool University to study Business Economics.



Pictured, from left: School Captain **Will Gandy** who is joining Oxford University to study German and Russian after achieving A*A*A*; School Captain **Phoebe Harrison** who achieved AAA and will study Politics & International Relations at Bristol University.

Edward Hammond who achieved A*AA and will join Newcastle University to study Business Management; and **Romily Hughes** who achieved AAB and will study Geography at Bristol University.

Pictured, from left are: **Jobin Joseph** who achieved AAB with an A in his EPQ and is going to study Medicine at Leeds University; **Chinmaya Aji** who is also going to study Medicine; **Marina Herath** who achieved ABB and is going to study Politics & International relations at Sheffield University; **Annabelle Jordan** who achieved A*A*A with an A in her EPQ and is going to study Economics at Exeter University; **Sophie Payne** who achieved AAA and is going to Exeter University to study Business Economics with a year in industry; and **Will Oliver** who achieved A*A*B with an A in his EPQ and will study Law at Bristol University.



Pictured, from left are **Robb Thomas**, who is a grade 6 drummer and achieved A*A*A*A* and is off to Manchester University to study Computer Science, and **Will Gandy** (who achieved A*A*A* and is joining Oxford University to study German &

Russian. The grade 8 violin and piano player also took on lead roles in the school drama productions and is looking forward to embracing all that Oxford University has to offer.

78% of students achieved their first choice of university

70% of students are joining Russell Group universities

3 students joining competitive degree apprenticeships

Year 13 | University Destinations & Courses 2026

Cardiff University	Business Management with a Professional Placement Year
Durham University	Environmental Geoscience
Edinburgh Napier University	Interior & Spatial Design
Keele University	International Business Management
Keele University	Physics with Astrophysics
Lancaster University	Business Management
Lancaster University	Business Management (Industry)
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Lancaster University	Law
Lancaster University	Medicine and Surgery
Liverpool John Moores University	Fashion: Design & Communication
Loughborough University	Commercial Management and Quantity Surveying
Loughborough University	Economics
Loughborough University	Management
Loughborough University	Mechanical Engineering
Loughborough University	Sport Management
Newcastle University	Business Management
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Newcastle University	Chemical Engineering
Newcastle University	Computer Science
Newcastle University	Economics & Finance
Newcastle University	Economics & Finance
Newcastle University	Marketing & Management
Newcastle University	Medicine & Surgery
Newcastle University	Politics & International Relations
Northumbria University, Newcastle	Business & Marketing
Nottingham Trent University	Fashion Design
UCL (University College London)	Biochemistry
UCL (University College London)	Medicine
University Academy 92 (UA92)	Business of Football
University for the Creative Arts	Comic & Concept Art
University of Bath	Criminology with professional placement
University of Birmingham	Marketing
University of Bristol	Biology
University of Bristol	Geography with Study Abroad
University of Bristol	Law
University of Bristol	Politics & International Relations
University of Bristol	Politics & International Relations
University of Exeter	Business & Management
University of Exeter	Business & Management
University of Exeter	Business Economics with Industrial Experience
University of Exeter	Economics
University of Exeter	Marketing & Management
University of Exeter	Zoology

University of Leeds	Accounting & Finance
University of Leeds	Biological Sciences (Biotechnology with Enterprise)
University of Leeds	Economics
University of Leeds	International Business & Marketing
University of Leeds	Medicine
University of Leeds	Modern Languages & English
University of Leeds	Politics
University of Liverpool	Business Economics with a Year in Industry
University of Liverpool	Business Management
University of Liverpool	Marketing with a Year in Industry
University of Manchester	Computer Science
University of Manchester	Computer Science
University of Manchester	German & Spanish
University of Manchester	Planning & Real Estate
University of Manchester	Politics & German
University of Manchester	Sociology & Data Analytics
University of Newcastle	Law
University of Nottingham	Civil Engineering including an Industrial Year
University of Nottingham	Psychology
University of Oxford	German & Russian
University of Plymouth	Marine Biology
University of Sheffield	Biomedical Science
University of Sheffield	Business Management
University of Sheffield	Economics
University of Sheffield	Pharmacy
University of Sheffield	Politics & International Relations
University of Sheffield	Psychology
University of Sheffield	Psychology
University of Southampton	Economics
University of Westminster, London	FinTech with Data Analytics
University of Worcester	Graphic Design, Advertising & Marketing
University of York	Accounting & Finance
University of York	Business Management
University of York	Economics
University of York	Economics & Finance
University of York	History
University of York	Philosophy, Politics & Economics (with Honours)
University of York	Physical Geography & Environment

Degree Apprenticeships

Forvis Mazars, Manchester	Degree Apprenticeship
White & Case LLP and the University of Law	Solicitor Apprenticeship
Rolls Royce, based at Rolls Royce Cars, Chichester	Degree Apprenticeship in Global Sales Operations