

Joint statement from Stevenage Secondary Headteachers

This year, students across Stevenage have been focusing on getting back into school routines. Disruption due to COVID absence has remained a key issue across schools nationally. This has had a particular impact on those students taking their GCSEs, A Levels and vocational qualifications.

Over the last three years, students have faced unprecedented disruption to their education due to the pandemic. This means that, although the Government has chosen to publish performance tables this year, there can in fact be no reliable comparison of exam results either at a school to school level, or in relation to exam results in previous years. Stevenage Headteachers will therefore not be publishing statistics, but are instead celebrating individual students' achievements.

We are incredibly proud of all students in Year 13 for the hard work and commitment they have shown to their studies. We are grateful too, to the teachers who have worked hard to support them. We are committed to supporting students in Year 13 to move on effectively to the next stage of their lives.

The Thomas Alleyne Academy Statement

Students at Thomas Alleyne Academy are celebrating an excellent set of results today. Headteacher, Mark Lewis, said "It is wonderful to be here and see so many smiling faces. It is a testament to the character of our students that they have done so well in the first set of formal exams since before the pandemic. I am delighted that so many of our students now have the results to take them to the next stage and wish them all the best."

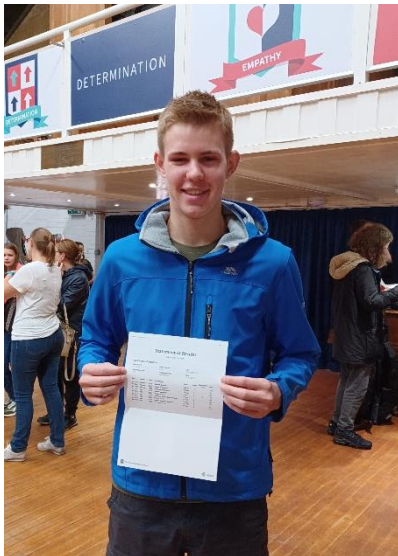


Sarah Knell achieved outstanding results, gaining six grade 9 in computer science, maths, English language and all three science subjects. Sarah thanked her teachers, "especially Mrs Bailey for her support, as my teacher in chemistry but also talking me through my next steps." Sarah is going on to study computer science, physics and maths at A Level.

Arthur McDowell achieved four grade 9 in biology, chemistry, physics and maths, grade 8 in geography, as well as a Level 2 distinction in sports studies. Arthur was really pleased with the improvements he made from his mock grades and said, "The mock exams were a really good preparation and I worked hard at home as well as attending after school study sessions to complete loads of past papers in order to improve." Arthur is continuing his studies next year at The Thomas Alleyne Academy, taking A Levels that will develop his interest in maths and science. Arthur's mum praised his teachers, "The school support for students over lockdown was excellent, both teaching and online resources. He has had a great set of teachers".



Lilly Young said, “I was petrified this morning but I am very happy with my results. I have enjoyed my time at Thomas Alleyne as the teachers always think of your best interests and really care. After every exam they have been there to support us.” Lily achieved four grade 9 in maths and science subjects, and one grade 8 in computer science. She is looking at her A Level options but hopes to go on to study law.



George Lovelock is also celebrating today, having received four grade 9 in maths and all three sciences, a grade 8 in computer science and grade 7 in history and Spanish. George is looking forward to studying A Levels at Thomas Alleyne next year with a view to progressing on to university degree in maths or civil engineering. He said that, “there were moments of stress but I had good support. I have enjoyed being at this school and want to continue A levels somewhere where I know the teachers and I am looking forward to September”.

Manan Malavia is ‘very proud’ of his two grade 9, and three grade 8 results which will enable him to study maths, physics and chemistry or computer science at A Level. Manan said, “it was helpful to have lots of practice prior to the GCSE exams, as my last exams had been my year 6 SATs!” Manan is aiming to study engineering at university after his A Levels.





Rose Bigley is 'really chuffed' with her results, including two grade 9, two grade 8 and three grade 7. She is going out to lunch in Stevenage to celebrate with her friends but is looking forward to returning to Thomas Alleyne to study A Levels in maths, chemistry and biology. Rose has her sights set on a higher level apprenticeship and a career with one of our local STEM employers.



Tom D'Gama is celebrating a fantastic set of results including two grade 9, three grade 8s. Tom says he is choosing to stay on to Sixth Form at Thomas Alleyne because, "the environment helps me to be more confident and I have had good teachers. The recent sixth form taster sessions helped me to understand what is involved and I have chosen A1 level maths, physics and computer science."