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Dear STA Year 8 students,

I hope you are having a lovely summer break! We are really looking forward to seeing you next **Friday 3 September**. Please [click here](#) to see the letter I wrote to your parents/ carers at the end of the summer term in July. Please ensure that you read this letter carefully as it has important information for you and will ensure that you make a positive start to the Autumn term.

You may have seen our school's success celebrated in the Press recently. Our outgoing Year 13 students at STA have improved on last year's strong academic performance with an excellent set of results.

- **25% of all grades awarded were A*/A**
- **54% of all grades awarded were A*/A/B**
- **Great success with BTEC choices combined with A level choices**
- **100% of students going to university of choice or into an apprenticeship programme**

Notable achievements from students studying a variety of courses and progressing to top Russell Group universities include:

- **Anastasis A** achieved grades A*, A*, A*, A, A in A level Chemistry, Economics, Politics, Maths and Biology. Destination: Chemistry, University College London (UCL).
- **Andrew G** achieved grades A, A, A in Economics, History and Maths. Destination: Business Management with placement year, University of Southampton.
- **Socrates A** achieved grades A, A, B in History, Politics and Biology. Destination: Ancient History, Leeds University.
- **Oliver S** achieved grade Merit (Grade B equivalent), B, B, B in BTEC Business Studies, Politics and Religion & Philosophy, Italian. Destination: Philosophy and Modern Languages, University of Exeter
- **Jason D** achieved grades A, A, C in History, Religion & Philosophy and Maths. Destination: History, Queen Mary, University of London (QMUL)

An example of students achieving fantastic grades and choosing to study a specific high-quality course at a non-Russell Group university are:

- **Isidora M** achieved grades A*, A, A in Biology, Chemistry and Maths. Destination: Optometry, City University of London.
- **Paul V** achieved grades A*, A, C in Politics, History and Maths. Destination: Computer Games design, Middlesex University.

Our Year 11 students have also made outstanding progress and achieved a fantastic set of results:

- **31% of all grades were grades 9-7.**
- **22% of students achieved the highest grades (grades 9-7) in all their GCSEs.**
- **49 grade 9s awarded.**
- **70% of all grades were grades 9-5 and 90% grades 9-4.**
- **75% of all students achieved at least 5 standard passes including English and maths.**
- **55% of all students achieved at least 5 strong passes including English and maths.**
- **78% of our students were entered for the EBacc. This is well above the 40% national average.**



Notable achievements include:

1. **Kamran O:** 3 grade 9s; 7 grade 8s; 1 grade 7. Top achievement and excellent progress.
2. **Ioana G:** 3 grade 9s; 4 grade 8s; 2 grade 7s. Excellent achievement and most progress.
3. **Raphaella P:** 3 grade 9s; 5 grade 8s; 2 grade 7s; 1 grade 6.
4. **Thea P:** 5 grade 9s; 2 grade 8s; 3 grade 7s; 1 grade 6.
5. **Laura H:** 2 grade 9s; 2 grade 8s; 5 grade 7s; 2 grade 6s.
6. **Pavlos K:** 2 grade 9s; 4 grade 8s; 3 grade 7s; 2 grade 5s.
7. **Carl C:** 1 grade 9; 7 grade 8s; 2 grade 7s; 1 grade 6.
8. **Elena I:** 5 grade 8s; 6 grade 7s.
9. **Michaela G:** 5 grade 8s, 5 grade 7s.
10. **Zachary C:** 1 grade 9; 7 grade 8s; 2 grade 7s; 1 grade 6.
11. **Ben R:** Has passed all 9 GCSEs and is pursuing a professional career as an England Basketball player. Ben will attend the Basketball Academy based at Loughborough University. Well done Ben and good luck!

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Grade 9 ~ Grade A**

Grade 8 ~ Grade A*

Grade 7 ~ Grade A

A grade 5 is considered a strong pass and a grade 4 is considered a standard pass at GCSE.

As you can see, we do not offer a 'one size fits all' approach. We know you as an individual and we will support you to achieve your aspirational goals by working closely with you and your family.

At STA, we have established a legacy of success and our new Year 13 are set to break all records with students applying to Oxbridge and top Russell Group Universities to read Medicine, Law, Computer Science and other very competitive courses. What will you be doing when you leave us at the end of Year 13? *"Life is an open book, full of blank pages. You get to write the story as you go."*

We are really looking forward to seeing you on Friday 3 September with all of your summer work completed and ready to submit to your teachers.

Best wishes

Mrs I. Warwick
Headteacher