

## Varndean School Exam Results 2016 - Press Release

Varndean School continues to be on the up!

The school is delighted to report another increase in exam results. 61% of students gained 5 A\*-C GCSE passes, including English and mathematics. Crucially, the new Government measure of Progress 8 came in at +0.22. This represents excellent progress for the school and our best ever.

There were some outstanding individual performances with 9 students achieving 10 or more A\*/A grades and almost 20% of all students achieving 5 or more A\*/A grades.

40% of all grades awarded were A\*-B and three of our students achieved a Level 3 Extended Project qualification usually reserved for sixth form students, two of whom achieved A grades.

Students at all levels performed fantastically well and the amount of progress they made continues to rise year on year. We are thrilled to see significantly better progress being achieved by students from disadvantaged backgrounds although none of us will be satisfied until there is no gap in educational outcomes for disadvantaged young people in the city.

“We are extremely proud of the achievements of all of our students who worked so hard for these results. Our continued success is grounded in the solid relationships we foster through our small school structure alongside the unrelenting dedication of all of our staff and support gained from our families. We continue to work effectively with schools nationally and across the city where schools lead 22 teacher networks to ensure best knowledge is shared.

It is fantastic news for the whole school and community that we have been able to continue our positive trend in the school's exam performance. I am especially pleased that once again there has been a strong and improving performance in English and mathematics. At Varndean School we value individual student choice through a broad, enriched curriculum along with our renowned provision for the Arts and technology but ensure there remains a strong focus on these core subjects. The Governors and I would like to thank parents, staff and students for a great year and wish our leavers happy and successful futures.”

William Aristide-Deighan (Headteacher)

Here are just a few of the students who have some fantastic individual achievements some of whom are pictured below:

Ava Jordan and Ruby Alderson both with 9 A\* and 2 A grades; Maisie Hare 7 A\*, 4 A grades and an A for Level 3 Extended project; Jake Cruttenden 6 A\*, 3 A and 3 B grades; Charlotte Macdonald with 5 A\*, 5 A and 1 C grade; Wednesday Croft with 5 A\*, 5 A and 1 C grade and an A for Level 3 Extended

project; Eddie Warden 6 A\*, 5 A and 2 B grades; Anthony Wu 4 A\* 7 A and 1 B grade; Anna Berry 5 A\*, 5 A and 2 B grades; Ismail Louarradi, Julija Novikova, Ashlyn Gaywood, Amara Amar and Tian Shan all having made exceptional progress across the board.