



CREATING BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SWINDON'S CHILDREN



WHERE PUPILS CONSISTENTLY MAKE MORE PROGRESS



BRINGING NEW STANDARDS TO NORTH SWINDON

**SIXTH FORM**

*Be Remarkable...*

GIVING MORE STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO GO TO UNIVERSITY



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JOINING US IN AUTUMN 2019!

# RESULTS 2019

## A bumper crop of results!!

*As our Trust grows, there are now many more results that demonstrate the fantastic achievement of our pupils, covering all ages from Key Stage 1 right through to 'A' levels and university entrance.*



*Red Oaks pupils visiting Fairford Air Tattoo*

Our Trust has recently gained the considerable benefit of **Red Oaks Primary School** becoming the lead school of our new primary section, and they certainly demonstrated their credentials with a fantastic set of SAT results. **In almost all subjects, at both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, Red Oaks pupils achieved results well above the national average**, showing they had made much greater progress than would have been the case in an 'average' primary school. Our congratulations go to the headteacher, Mrs Surch and her brilliant staff, who are looking forward to forging close links with Orchid Vale Primary School when they join the Trust later in the new academic year.

The next results to be released were the 'A' level results at the **Trust Sixth Form Centre** (which is based at Lydiard Park Academy in West Swindon, but treats applications from Year 11 leavers from LPA and Abbey Park School as equal priority). These turned out to be a bumper crop of high grades, allowing a much higher proportion of students to progress to university than is typical across Swindon. This has been a consistent feature of our Sixth Form since it opened five years ago, with a **university progression rate of nearly 70%** so far across all cohorts. This year was the best yet, with **42% of grades being at the top (A\*, A or B) level**. There were many fantastic results, amongst them Joshua Mitchell (4 A\* grades) who now progresses to Oxford University, Ciara Sherlock (4 A grades) who progresses to Bath University, Noorulain Arif (3 A and 1 A\* grades) who progresses to the University of Warwick. Congratulations to all, with a special mention to Dylan Clark-Webb in Year 10 who, although not strictly a sixth former, took his maths 'A' level gaining an A\* grade!



*Josh Mitchell progresses to Oxford University to study chemistry after gaining 4A\* grades at the Trust Sixth Form*



*Far left: At LPA Dylan Clark -Webb in Year 10 gains an A\* in A level Maths...3 years early!*

*Left: Bethany Norris at LPA celebrates her GCSE results with older brother Sean, himself a former LPA pupil*

A week later, the GCSE results at **Lydiard Park Academy** yet again confirmed the school's status as a **consistently high performing school where pupils of all abilities make excellent progress**. On the key headline measure of how many pupils gained **five or more good passes including English and Maths**, results rose to their highest yet, at 67.2%. This is **over 8% above the national average** and means that **many more pupils complete Year 11 with the grades to progress to 'A' levels** than you would expect!

Celebrations were equally loud in North Swindon at **Abbey Park School**. This school has been on a fantastic journey in recent years, having originally been taken into the Trust as an underperforming school. How that must all seem a distant memory to parents, staff and pupils, as their hard work and commitment has transformed the school into **one of Swindon's most successful secondary schools!** That journey took another sizeable step forwards this summer, as results on the key measure of **five or more good passes including English and Maths** rose from 61.5% in 2018 to 66.5% this year. This is **over 6.5% above the national average** and confirms a **quite remarkable turnaround in the educational prospects for children** in North Swindon. No wonder the school has gone from having unfilled spaces to being **oversubscribed!**



*Eva Boyce and Ben Flowerdew celebrate their part in record GCSE results at Abbey Park School*



**Our Trust was formed from the simple premise that, by creating a group of successful schools that collaborate by sharing good ideas and best practice, we can make a real difference to the prospects for Swindon's children. This isn't just between schools of the same phase - we also have strong links between primary and secondary schools. For example, working together is enabling us to remove the unwanted and unnecessary repetition in Years 7 & 8 of work that is now covered in Years 5 & 6. We also now have secondary specialist staff delivering**

**subjects such as languages and science to Key Stage 2 pupils. By working as a group we can also achieve economies of scale that allows more money to be spent in the classroom than any school working independently would be able to achieve.**

**Our Trust has one simple and effective guiding principle: *To create centres of educational excellence that inspire all pupils to turn their potential into performance***

**In 2019 we have moved significantly closer to fulfilling this goal!**