

NEWSPAPER

PRINCIPAL'S POST: PARENT EDITION



Outstanding GCSE Results

Congratulations to the Class of 2023, who achieved another set of exceptional GCSE results. These outcomes yet again place Madeley as a high performing school nationally, and one of the top schools in Staffordshire, Cheshire, Shropshire and the whole of the West Midlands. Our Maths results are among the top 5% of schools in the country. Please see below for some highlights, and how we compare to the current national average:

GCSE Measure	2023 Madeley GCSE Results	2023 National Average Results
Maths 4+	88%	71%
Maths 5+	67%	51%
Maths 7+	26%	19%
English & Maths 4+	76%	66%
English & Maths 5+	59%	45%
English & Maths 7+	18%	13%
English 4+	80%	76%
English 5+	67%	61%
English 7+	27%	23%

Furthermore:

- 7% of total GCSE grades awarded at a grade 9.
- 17% of total GCSE grades awarded at grade 8 or above.
- 31% of total GCSE grades awarded at grade 7 or above.
- 22% of GCSE grades in Maths awarded at grade 8 or above.
- Exceptional outcomes in Spanish (95% 6+, 46% 7+, 23% 8+), Art (85% 4+), Biology (69% 7+), Chemistry (41% 8+), Computing (73% 7+), Drama (70% 6+), Food (33% 7+), Geography (25% 7+), History (16% 8+), Music (81% 4+), PE (13% 8+), Double Science (26% 6+), Photography (91% 4+), Physics (25% 9), RE (58% 5+), Technology (29% 7+), Health & Social (100% L1P+), and Animal Care (100% L1P+).

As a school community, we are immensely proud of the Class of 2023.

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- Students in Year 7 have recently participated in bushcraft team building activity days. Enjoying the great outdoors, they were dressed for all weathers but in the end were blessed with dry conditions. It was a great opportunity for the students to make new friends, learn new skills whilst using their problem-solving skills and not to mention resilience especially when it came to building and lighting fires. Over the course of the day, they learnt how to navigate, make and bake bread, forage, build and light fires safely and identify plants both non-poisonous and poisonous! After the sessions, the instructors shared how they were very impressed with all the students, on how they applied themselves, their politeness, engagement and most noticeable - willing to give it a go!



Computing

Year 7 have settled in well having completed their baseline tests, got their logins and started to gather an understanding of the school network and how to manage their files.

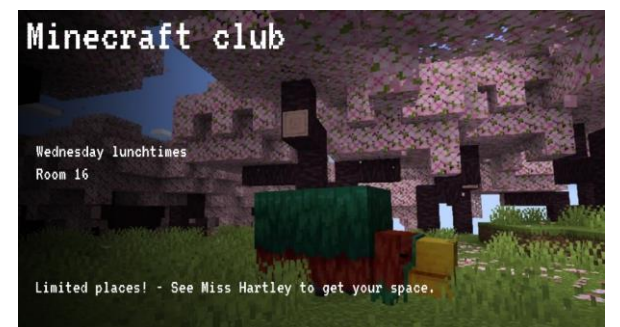
Year 8 have been practicing how to use a spreadsheet. They started off with some basic pixel art flags to practice formatting and they are becoming data masters with formulas and functions.

Year 9 have been practicing image editing and developing their skills in Photopea. They have been introduced to some new tools like a magnetic lasso, dodge and burn tool, the clone stamp tool and the magic wand.



Year 10 students have settled in well to Computer Science and Creative iMedia they have hit the ground running. iMedia students are working towards completing their first piece of coursework and the Computer Science Students are developing their knowledge from year 9 and improving their programming skills.

Year 11 are working hard in their final year - the Year 11 Computer Science boosters sessions have started on Tuesday after school and the Year 11 Creative iMedia ones are due to start in two weeks' time - details will be posted on Class Charts.



Prospective Parents Evening

The Prospective Parents Evening was held last night. A big thank you to all students & staff for your amazing contributions to the highly successful open evening.

Music

Our Y10 and Y11 GCSE music pupils visited the Regent Theatre recently. As part of learning about live performance they watched a production of Sister Act 23. They had a great time and will now be able to apply what they learned within their lessons



• **Maths**

Class of 2023 Achievements



We are thrilled to share the incredible news about the outstanding achievements of the Class of 2023! The hard work, dedication, and passion for mathematics have truly paid off, as our students have not only surpassed their own expectations but have also set a remarkable benchmark on a national scale.

4+ Achievements: An astounding 88% of our students achieved a grade of 4 or above in their GCSE Mathematics exams, the national average is 71%. This remarkable accomplishment showcases the solid foundation and understanding that our students have in mathematical concepts.

5+ Achievements: Breaking the mold, an impressive 67% of our students achieved a grade of 5 or higher, surpassing the national average of 51% by a significant margin. 26% of students achieved a 7+ which is above the national average of 19%. This speaks volumes about the high standards and commitment to excellence upheld by both our students and the Madeley Maths Department.

In addition to this, our Further Mathematicians have truly excelled, with some students achieving remarkable results, including the coveted Grade 9s in Mathematics at GCSE. This exceptional accomplishment underscores the depth of understanding and the advanced skills our students have developed in the realm of mathematics.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these students who have demonstrated an exceptional aptitude for the subject, achieving not just success but excellence in their academic pursuits.

The new cohort of Further Mathematicians has also begun their journey and has made excellent progress so far. We look forward to seeing them grow and achieve their full potential at GCSE as well.

Sparx Maths

Some of you may be aware that we have been implementing Sparx Maths with Year 7 this half term. This is an exciting new program that uses AI to determine the challenge of student homework based on the topics that we instruct it to set. Well done to Gracie, Lauren, and Leo, who have been recognized by Mr. Bedford for making an amazing start with their independent work on this. If anyone requires any support with using this program, please contact your child's Maths teacher.

Year 11 Mock Examinations

Year 11 mock examinations take place in the first week back after the October half term. We always encourage students to begin revision early so that they can do this in small chunks regularly. Students will be completing three examination papers: one non-calculator and two calculator papers. We advise students to use the following websites to conduct their revision: Videos and Worksheets – Corbettmaths, Maths Genie - Free Online GCSE and A Level Maths Revision, <https://www.drfrostmaths.com/>. Students have a login for the last website, which can be acquired from their Maths teacher. Revision lists will be provided over the coming weeks to help them conduct more focused revision.

Calculators

We always encourage students to purchase a calculator as soon as possible so that they can be familiar with the functions before they do sit their examinations. Below is an image of the calculator we advise students to purchase. To support with this, we have added the option to purchase a scientific calculator at a reduced price from using the ParentPay platform.



TT Rockstars

Throughout the early weeks of this half term, Year 8 and 9 students have been competing with one another in form to be the champion Timetable Rockstar. It has been a pleasure seeing students revel in the challenge to improve their times tables. As a department, we recognize the importance of fluency with times tables, which can support students learning in Year 7 right the way up to higher GCSE topics. Please do encourage students to take the time each day to improve their times tables using TT Rockstars. The program will adjust in difficulty as students improve. A massive well done to the students below who are the top three earners in their year group.

Year 8 Top Earners:

Nour
Martha
Noa

Year 9 Top Earners:

Holly
Millie
Erin



• **English**

Calling all students! An exciting opportunity has arisen to enter the Young Writer's Poetry Competition on the theme 'This is Me.' We have previously entered this competition and had numerous pupils work published, plus had a winner who claimed the cash prize!

This year we are going to enter via the digital portal. Please follow the attached process:

- 1) Plan your ideas using the student planning template attached.
- 2) Draft your entry - once you're happy...
- 3) **Add your entry to the portal link: PORTAL LINK**

www.youngwriters.co.uk/writing-portal/start?code=121520-591

The closing date is Monday 6.11.23

Good luck! Mrs. Mitchell (English)



Audley Rotary

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF AUDLEY ROTARY CLUB

1963 – 2023

Audley Rotary Club would like to thank everyone for your support over the past 60 years. Without your generosity it would not have been possible for us to support and help all the people, organisations and charities that we have during these years. With your help we hope to continue this work locally, nationally and worldwide. Below are some of the many worthy causes helped with your donations.

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