



Waltham Toll Bar Academy

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Media release

Outcomes maintain forward momentum

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Improved outcomes from a “fantastic” set of GCSE results continued Waltham Toll Bar Academy’s forward momentum.

Numbers achieving a strong grade 5 pass or higher in both English and Maths rose to more than 50%, a 4.6% year-on-year increase.

More than 70% achieved a standard pass (grade 4 or above) in their core subjects.

English saw the numbers of students reaching a grade 5 or above increase to 66% and Maths went up by 4% to 57%.

Chemistry and Physics students had some amazing outcomes, with all achieving a grade 5 or above.

Other subjects performing well included History, with 40% achieving a grade 7 or above, and Languages, with 90% reaching a grade 5+ in Spanish and 85% doing so in French.

Creative subjects also enjoyed a year of strong outcomes with every student achieving a grade 5+ in Music and 90% of students in Art, Photography and Graphic Communication also securing this strong pass grade.

Executive Principal Philip Dickinson said: “This a fantastic set of results for Waltham Toll Bar Academy.

“We believe in celebrating success at the academy and these results really give us something to cheer this year

“The academy staff, parents and carers must be praised for their part in these fantastic outcomes.

“Without their support and commitment, this achievement would not be possible. I’m sure they will join me in congratulating all the students this year.

“We wish every one of them the very best as they take their next steps.

“We are thrilled to be welcoming an increased number of students in Year 7 students next month and they couldn’t be joining at a better time.



“The aspirational ethos at the academy is one that Year 11 students have really benefitted from this year and, as they take that with them into their Post 16 opportunities, we cannot wait to instil this into the new cohort of students this September.”

There were some outstanding individual performances.

Ryan Clipson will join Toll Bar Sixth Form next month to study Business, Economics and Maths at A-level.

“I’m particularly happy with my 9 in History,” he said.

“The sixth form here is more of a classroom-based environment with smaller class sizes. I’m looking forward to it.”

Mum Pam Clipson was “really proud”.

“He’s worked really hard,” she said.

He will be joined at Toll Bar Sixth Form by Jacob Hood.

“I am happy with my results, and am most pleased with my 9 in History,” he said.

“I’m staying here to study Biology, Chemistry and History at A-level and would like to eventually read Biomedical Science at university.”

Mum Stacey Hood said: “I am so amazed with him and so proud.

“He’s worked really hard and deserves everything that he has got.”

Hannah Brown was delighted with a range of 8s and 9s.

“The Maths paper was terrible so to get an 8 was better than I had expected because I did not have high hopes,” she said.

She will study Business, Classical Civilisation and Photography at Franklin College.

Five grade 9s, including English Language and Literature, and four 8s were achieved by Hannah Wilde-Porter.

“I am feeling kind of happy as they are decent results,” she said. “I’m now going to stay here and study Biology, Chemistry, History and Art at A-level.”

Mum Sue said: “I am very proud but, mostly, I am happy for her because all the hard work has paid off.

“We’re also grateful to the school and the most amazing teachers who have helped Hannah.”

Jemi Adeyemi was “happy” with her five grade 9s, three 8s and one 7.

"I'm most proud of my results in Maths and French," she said. "I did not expect an 8 in Maths and achieved a 9 in French. But I did work really hard."

She will travel to Wyke Sixth Form College.

Bea Sandiford was also "happy" with her results.

"I feel like all the all the hard work I put in is reflected in the results I have got," she said.

"I really appreciate all the effort the teachers have put it in to support me as well.

Bea will join Toll Bar Sixth Form.

Lincolnshire Gateway Academies Trust's Chief Executive Martin Brown reflected on successful outcomes across the Trust, whose other secondaries include Cleethorpes, Louth and Somercotes and primaries Scartho Gateway, Waltham Gateway and Reynolds.

"I'm really impressed by the improved academic performance across the Trust this year, both in our primary and secondary academies," he said.

"The results show the commitment and dedication of our staff to support students to improve their outcomes and therefore their life chances."

Year 11s can apply to join Toll Bar Sixth Form at
www.tollbarmatsixthform.co.uk/enrolmentform/

Any queries about applying or any questions about further study in general can be directed to the Sixth Form Team via (01472) 500505.

Captions

- 1) Hannah Wilde-Porter, who will join Toll Bar Sixth Form, with mum Sue collecting her outstanding GCSE results.
- 2) A delighted Bea Sandiford discovers her results, accompanied by sister Edie and mum Claire, both former students at Waltham Toll Bar.
- 3) A selfie to remember. Jemi with mum and dad Marian and Sunday Adeyemi.
- 4) Executive Principal Philip Dickinson (second left) and Vice Principal Oliver Fothergill congratulate Hannah Brown, with her brother Daniel.
- 5) Proud mum Pam Clipson with Ryan.
- 6) Some of the students who had outstanding results at Waltham Toll Bar Academy.
- 7) Jacob Hood finds out his results watched by mum Stacey.
- 8) Executive Principal Philip Dickinson shows (left to right) Bea Sandiford, Hannah Wilde-Porter, Ryan Clipson and Jacob Hood the 'Set up for success' package, including an iPad, book vouchers and a hoodie, they will each receive after enrolling for Toll Bar Sixth Form.