

Friday 2nd September 2022

Co-Headteachers: Welcome Back!

Congratulations to Y11 and Y13

We are celebrating a spectacular set of results for both Y11 and Y13. Despite the significant impact of Covid, both year groups proved just how resilient, focused and hardworking they are, achieving outstanding results.

GCSE and BTEC

Our students bucked the national trend, with more than 1 in 5 of all grades a 9, which at 21% is 3 times the national average. Well over half of the grades were a grade 7 or above, contrary to the national decline in top grades. 92% of students received a grade 4 or above in Maths, with an impressive 82% gaining a 'good pass' (grade 5) or above, an increase on the percentage for teacher assessed grades in 2021. The BTEC results we have received so far have also been impressive but we are awaiting the final results from the exam boards.

These results are particularly impressive in a fully inclusive comprehensive school. The first wave of national data shows that our SEND students who receive support ('K' students) achieved a grade higher than the national average and our EHCP students achieved a third of a grade higher than the national average. In fact, all our groups did better than nationally. These outcomes will ensure our students have the secure foundations they need to pursue further study post-16, the vast majority of whom will be staying with us to study at our successful and exciting Sixth Form.

A level and BTEC

Fortismere is celebrating its record-breaking outcomes for students at A level and BTEC this year. Extraordinarily, 1 in 3 students at A level gained at least 3 A grades. Performance at the top ends of the grades are an improvement on both 2019 outcomes and also 2021, contrary to national trends this year. With half of the A level grades achieved being at least an A grade, 1 in 5 grades achieved being an A* grade and the average grade achieved a B+, we would like to congratulate our A level students on a truly remarkable set of outcomes. Our BTEC students also posted outstanding results with 80% of grades ranging from D*D*D*/DDD.

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5.9.2022	School starts at 8.35am
6.10.2022	INSET day - School closed



These results are even more remarkable given that this cohort had not sat external exams since they were in Y6!

We would like to say thank you to the partnership of students, parents and teachers who combined so successfully to produce these phenomenal results.



Start of term

Ready for school!

We are very much looking forward to seeing our students back in school on Monday. We have already met the new Y7 and Y12 so all the students will be familiar with the school by the start of the new term. One of our Fortismere Four is 'Be Ready' (the others are Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Kind). For the start of the new academic year we need students to come to school with the right equipment:

- a blue or black ink pen
- a green pen
- A pencil
- stationary equipment (ruler, rubber)
- a calculator



Students are allowed to bring a 'brick' phone to school which should be switched off during the school day and kept in your son or daughter's bag.

Safeguarding at Fortismere

Safeguarding Information

Safeguarding in school

If you wish to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Kirsten Sullivan) about any safeguarding concerns please email safetalk@fortismere.org.uk alternatively you can contact your child's Tutor or their Head of Year:

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