

Amazing Art!



This year we had a wonderful display of GCSE work exhibited at the Christ Church URC as part of the prestigious Rayleigh Art Trail. Fifteen pupils had their work submitted as part of the event which received fantastic comments from the public. The work displayed was part of the pupils' coursework and exam which demonstrated the wide variety of media in 2D and 3D that we encourage pupils to explore. Well done, everybody!

Claire Rainbow

Headlines by Andy Hodgkinson

A WARM WELCOME

A very warm welcome to all our new Year 7 pupils and to pupils joining our Sixth Form from other schools and, of course, welcome back to all our existing pupils. I hope that 2016/17 will be another productive and successful year. As always, please do look at the weekly Sweyne Park Times, as well as our comprehensive website, to keep up to date with events that are going on in school.

GCSE RESULTS

Year 11 pupils at Sweyne Park were, once again, celebrating a really strong set of GCSE results this year. Although there were sharp declines nationally, our results remained very good. There were many notable individual achievements, for example Isabelle Lewis who achieved 4A* and 7A grades and Patrick Deeley who achieved 2A* and 7A grades.

Performance measures for all schools have changed this year, but levels of progress in English and Maths were the strongest ever combined (83% and 77%) and 30% of pupils gained the prestigious EBacc qualification, far

higher than the national average in 2015. **65% of pupils achieved A*-C in English and Maths (basics),** also well above national average in 2015. Once the government publish **Progress 8 data** (in October), we will share this with families, but we **fully expect our figures to be positive.**

We wish all our pupils the very best for the future whatever they decide to do and hope they will stay in touch, although a large number are staying on into our Sixth Form.

A-LEVEL RESULTS

Students in our first ever Year 13 cohort built upon a solid first set of AS results in 2015 and improved upon key measures from last year.

Our results for 2016 were as follows:

- 100% of students achieved at least 1 Distinction grade at BTEC level and 99% achieved at least one A-level pass
- 73% of students achieved 3 A-level passes (including equivalents)
- 11% of students achieved 3 A-levels at A*-B
- 81% of students who applied to university have already been accepted onto a course (this number is expected to rise) and we have students going to a wide range of different destinations, for example:

Book of the Week

I AM MALALA

by Malala Yousafzai & Patricia McCormick

The inspiring story of Malala's brave and courageous fight for her right to be educated and her battle for survival, after she was shot by terrorists on her way home from school.



ONE OF THE FREE BOOKBUZZ CHOICES FOR YEAR 7!



HEADLINES (CONTINUED)

- Connor Moorby is to become an accountant at Deloitte in the City
 - Aaron Jones is studying Art at Central St Martins
 - Hannah Esquant is studying English Literature at Cardiff University, to name but a few.
- There were also a number of impressive individual performances, for example:
- Sam Harris (Maths A*, Further Maths A*, Physics A; German B) who is studying Maths at UCL
 - Sophie Spicer (Psychology A*, Biology A, History B) who is studying Medical Science at Exeter
 - Rhys Walls (Product Design A*, Maths A*, Physics B) who is studying Civil Engineering at Surrey.

As always, we are clear what we need to develop further next year as a school, which will include continuing to focus on producing more higher grades and also improving overall pass rates to ensure even better rates of progress, and we will be fully focused on this for 2016/17.

We wish all our students well for the future in whatever they decide to do going forward. We will miss them!

AS RESULTS

Students in Year 12 achieved a very pleasing and much stronger set of results this year. Schools do not tend to publish their AS results as they often include the students' weakest subjects which are then discontinued at A2.

However, our figures are as follows:

- 75.5% of students achieved 3 AS passes
- 32% of grades achieved were A*/A/B
- 11% of students achieved 3 A-levels at A*/A/B.

Some notable achievements included, for example:

- Tom Wilkins (Chemistry A; Maths A; Further Maths A; Physics A)
- Henry Watkinson (Computer Science A; Maths A; Further Maths A; Physics A)
- Romilly Marshall (Creative Writing A; Business Studies A; Psychology A; PE A)

These results bode very well for our newly established Sixth Form and the bar is now set high for our new Year 12 students!

SCHOOL POLICIES

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and carers that statutory policies are available on our school website and can also be requested from the main office. In line with our behaviour policy, it is my duty at the start of each year to remind parents and carers about issues relating to serious matters, such as possession of offensive objects, illegal substances etc. in school can result in permanent exclusion - thank you as always for your support of our strong stance on this.

Parents' Time

A member of the Leadership Team will be available to see parents without appointment:

9:00am-9:45am Monday - Friday

5:00pm-5:45pm Thursdays



Congratulations!



Patrick Deeley with Helen Banks (Head of Year 11).



Sam Harris (Year 13) receiving his exceptional results!



Hannah Esquant (Year 13) hears that she will be going to Cardiff to study English.



A delighted Sophie Spicer!
(Year 13).



Henry Watkinson & Dan Waterman (Year 12)
very pleased with their AS results!



Tom Wilkins, (Year 12) rightly proud of his
success!