



Penwortham Girls'
High School

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GCSE 2019 Results

Congratulations to our Year 11 pupils
on their superb achievement





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achieving at least
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(Grades 9-4),
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and Mathematics
with 69% achieving
(Grades 9-5) and
above in English and
Mathematics



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Exam Results 2019

Yet again, students at Penwortham Girls' High School have built on the school's longstanding reputation for exceptional academic outcomes, exceeding every expectation by achieving another stunning set of GCSE results. Girls of all abilities and backgrounds rose to meet the challenges of the rigorous examinations and smashed their ambitious targets, achieving an average of well over half a grade higher across all subjects than their peers nationally.

The Class of 2019 almost doubled the number of Grade 9's achieved last year, with an impressive 78 awarded in total. In fact, a staggering third of all the grades awarded were Grade 7 or higher (equivalent to an old A Grade). Importantly, 84% of students gained a standard pass (Grade 4 or higher – equivalent to an old C Grade or higher) including English and mathematics, with 69% achieving a strong pass at Grade 5+ in English and mathematics. There were several examples of individual success, with 10 students getting grades 7-9 in all their subjects. Additionally, 5 students made exceptional progress, attaining on average at least 2 grades higher than the national expectation; just reward for all their hard work over the five years.

This means that pupils at Penwortham Girls' High School made exceptional progress across all subjects, confirming again our status as an outstanding school.

Over 83.6% of girls achieved the key benchmark of a grade 4 or higher in both English and mathematics, with 35% achieving the 'gold standard' of a grade 5 or higher across the EBacc suite of academic subjects. In addition, a huge number of 9-7 grades were achieved by so many girls across the full range of subjects, from Separate Sciences to Geography, and from RE to Art.

- 94.3% of pupils achieved a Grade 4 and above in English with 33.5% Grade 7 and above
- 86.1% of pupils achieved a Grade 4 and above in mathematics with 28.5% Grade 7 and above
- Over 76% of pupils, across the entire ability range, made positive progress overall from their starting points.

As the following table demonstrates, we also greatly exceed 2019 national statistics. Our most able students always perform exceptionally well.

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A major strength of PGHS is our insistence on subject specialist teaching across all subjects and as this table demonstrates, we have performed exceptionally well again this year. Although we are a non-selective school, we easily exceeded national averages for all subjects at Grades 9-4 and also for the vast majority at Grades 9-7.

	Cohort	Grades 9 – 7	National	Grades 9 – 5	National	Grades 9 – 4	National
Art	49	34.7	22.7	85.7	58.1	95.9	75.1
Computing	14	21.4	21.6	71.4	48.9	92.9	62.6
Dance	16	18.8	23.4	50	56.2	56.3	71.7
Design and Technology	46	15.2	19.4	56.5	48.4	78.3	63.2
English Language	158	33.5	13.9	77.8	44.4	94.3	61.8
English Literature	158	27.2	20.2	74.7	56.3	90.5	73.4
Food Technology	21	28.6	17.7	61.9	48.8	90.5	64.4
French	66	18.2	23.7	37.9	53.7	62.1	69.7
Geography	54	46.3	24.5	74.1	52.6	87	65.2
German	52	25	24.2	69.2	57.9	82.7	75.8
History	122	26.2	24.6	73	51.4	84.4	63.6
Maths	158	28.5	15.9	72.8	39.7	86.1	59.6
Music	13	38.5	31.8	84.6	63.4	100	75.6
PE	19	21.1	21.1	47.4	56.7	47.4	71.8
RE	30	46.7	30.5	83.3	60.9	93.3	72.3
Science - Biology	55	61.8	42.3	100	79.8	100	89.6
Science - Chemistry	55	58.2	43.9	100	78.8	100	90
Science - Physics	55	52.7	43.8	96.4	79.2	100	90.8
Science Combined	103	15.5	7.5	60.7	34.2	80.1	55.4

In addition to GCSEs, we offer a more personalised curriculum and vocational qualifications to those students for whom it is deemed appropriate. Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities also achieve well. This year 83% of SEND students achieved at least 5 GCSEs which were on or above their target grade.

67% of SEND students achieved at least 4 grades 4-8 including English and maths.

‘Achievement is outstanding’ Ofsted 2014/15

Leavers Destinations

The vast majority of our girls continue on to further education and 2019 was no exception, with most going onto study their chosen course at one of our local partner colleges. Below are just a few recent examples of what pupils at Penwortham Girls' have done since leaving us.



Rose Malekzadeh (2011 – 2016)

Rose left PGHS with a superb set of GCSE results, including a string of A*/A that were way above her target grades. Rose then went to Hutton Grammar School to study A Levels. We were delighted to hear that Rose had been appointed Head Girl - thoroughly deserved! Rose now intends to pursue a career in Law.



Olivia Chohan (2009-2014)

Olivia left PGHS with an amazing set of GCSE results (9A*, 2A and 1B). Olivia then went to Newman College and achieved 4 A's at A Level in Physics, Chemistry, Maths and extended project. Olivia is currently at Manchester University studying Physics with Astrophysics and would like to go on and do a PhD and then go into astrophysics related research.



Emily Oliver (2008-2013)

After achieving a superb set of both GCSE and A Level results, Emily applied for a Business Apprenticeship at BAe Systems. Places on the apprenticeship are highly sought after and Emily will now learn the ropes of the defence industry at one of Britain's most successful companies. Upon completion of the apprenticeship Emily will hopefully secure a full-time position in the field of defence procurement.



Katie Lee (2008-2013)

Katie worked incredibly hard during her time at Penwortham Girls' High School, juggling the demands of full time study with her commitment to playing netball at a professional level. After achieving outstanding GCSE results Katie went onto Hutton Sixth Form College and achieved two A* and two A grades, enabling her to take up a place at Manchester University to read Law. Katie has now earned three caps, playing for the England netball team.



Louisa Stirland (2008-2013)

After a successful time at PGHS Louisa went onto Runshaw to study A Levels. Whilst at PGHS Louisa won the title of BBC Young Chorister of the year 2012. This allowed Louisa to perform at some of the best venues, and with some of the best choirs and conductors in Britain. In September 2015 Louisa began a 4 year BMus vocal course at the Royal Academy of Music in London after being offered a scholarship. This is an outstanding achievement and a unique opportunity.