



7th September 2018

Dear Parents/Carer

I am delighted as we return to school to share with you our excellent exam results. It is wonderful to see the boys returning looking very smart and full of enthusiasm.

St Aloysius Exam Results

I am delighted to share with you good news about the excellent exam results secured by students at the school, well above national at GCSE at every measure, continuing to build on already impressive achievements. These wonderful results were gained despite the many changes to assessment and content in the exams. It is important to pay tribute to the hard work of staff and students and the support of the parents in achieving these fantastic results. Many of our students secured results at the highest grades. These grades are a testament to the hard work of all involved in the school and I am delighted that all our efforts have paid off.

Nationally the percentage of grade 9-4 (the new A*-C grades) were 67%, here at St Aloysius they were 71%. Our most able students also secured better against other students nationally with 31% securing the top grades 9-7 (previously A*A) against 15%. GCSE Maths results at 72% C grade equivalent (Grade 4) were very pleasing and above national. English results continue to be well above national at an outstanding 86% C grade equivalent (grade 4) and I am delighted that the science results improved significantly to two sciences at 62%. Other subjects also secured continued success, exceptionally with eleven departments all securing over 70% A*-C grades under the old grading system, including RE, Art, Graphics, Biology, Chemistry, History, Computer Science, Design Technology, English, Maths and Media Studies, There were some outstanding individual student results including:

Jackie Lee, 7 grade 9, 3 grade 8, 1 grade A*.

Tyler Thornton, 1 grade 9, 4 grade 8, 4 grade 7.

Mohammed Hussain, 5 grade 9, 2 grade 8, 2 grade A*

Anthony Akinola, 4 grade 9, 1 grade 8, 1 grade 7, 4 grade 6 and 1 grade A* Congratulations to all of them.'

We look forward to welcoming the class of 2018 back to school in our Sixth Form so they can share their success and inspire others. A Level results continue to provide students with fantastic opportunities for progression to university, apprenticeships and employment. Our students on vocational courses also continue to flourish, securing excellent outcomes and progression choices including gaining admissions to competitive courses such as Midwifery, Nursing and Primary Education.

These results will enable our students to face the future with the confidence based on academic excellence, as well as a wealth of experiences, opportunities and skills.

All students are expected to arrive at school in full school uniform and fully equipped on the appropriate date/time as listed above. In preparation for the colder weather, you will need to purchase a black coat for your child as no other type of coats are allowed. Please see attached our uniform list.

Yours sincerely

J. Heffernan

Ms J Heffernan
Executive Headteacher

School Blazer:

This is green and must have the school badge.

School Tie:

You must wear the official school tie. Year 7 (only)- This is Green with a Purple Stripe. Years 8-11 keeping with your current form ties.

Shirt:

Plain white or grey only.

Jumper:

Must be v-necked grey with red and green stripe. Sweatshirts and hooded tops are not permitted.

Trousers:

Plain dark grey or black.

Shoes:

These must be black. Training shoes are not allowed.

Hats:

Boys are not permitted to wear a hat or cap other than during the winter months from November to March, when a woolly black hat is allowed. Please note baseball caps are not allowed at any time.

School Coat:

A school coat is available and is a black, reversible, waterproof jacket. All other outdoor coats should be black.

Bags:

School bags must be plain black with no logo

Jewellery:

Earrings and rings are not permitted. Watches are the only jewellery allowed.

PE Kit:

- 1 pair of white shorts
- 1 pair of white football socks
- 1 official school PE shirt
- 1 pair of football boots
- 1 pair of trainers

All clothing must be worn smartly at all times. Shirts should be tucked in, blazers worn at all times and the school tie worn correctly (i.e. at full length, to the waist). Hair must be cut in a conventional style and it should not be excessively short or long.

For Mathematics he will need:

- Protractor
- H or 2H pencil
- Set squares (30 and 60 degrees)
- Non-scientific calculator

For **Technology** he will need a workshop apron or a workshop coat.

For **English** he will need a copy of 'The Oxford Mini Dictionary'.

In addition to this, every student should have the following equipment every day:

- Pencil case
- Pens – Black and Green
- Pencil
- Coloured Pencils
- Eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- A substantial bag (not a carrier bag)