



READING BLUE COAT

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Reading Blue Coat Students Celebrate Outstanding GCSE Success

Reading Blue Coat today congratulates its students on an exceptional set of GCSE results, reflecting their hard work, resilience and commitment.

An impressive 82% of all entries were awarded a grade 7 or above, including 61% at the top grades of 8 or 9. In total, 94% of results were grade 6 or higher, highlighting the strength and consistency of academic performance across the cohort. Eight students achieved 10 grade 9s or more.

Headline results:

- 31% grade 9
- 61% grades 8-9
- 82% grades 7-9
- 94% grade 6 or above

Year 10 pupils also achieved remarkable success in their Religious Studies GCSE, with 67% of entries awarded grade 8 or 9 – a particularly notable accomplishment for candidates sitting the exam a year early.

Headmaster Pete Thomas commented:

“It’s always a great pleasure to see young people enjoying the fruits of their hard work, and I’m thrilled that this year group has so much to celebrate today. They’ve worked hard and played hard too, striking that all-important balance that’s so valuable to establish early on. It’s a foundation that will serve them well as they embark on their A Level journeys here, and I very much look forward to seeing them continue to flourish over the next two years!”

Individual highlights include:

Davide Bonavita from Lower Earley achieved 12 grade 9s and is planning on studying Biology, Chemistry, Latin and Maths at A Level. He said, “I’m very happy because I did

way better than I thought I would, and I'm really pleased with my results as I'm considering studying medicine or dentistry at university."

Man Him Liu from Earley achieved 11 grade 9s. He said, "I live in Reading now, having moved here from Hong Kong a couple of years ago. It hasn't been an easy year, so I'm very happy with my results and grateful for everything right now. I'd like to give a shout out to Miss Plowman, our Head of Year, who has been really supportive throughout this journey."

Will Luff from Tilehurst achieved 10 grade 9s. He said, "I feel happy, pleased and relieved. Today was a bit nerve-wracking, but the school has been really supportive, giving us lots of guidance on where to revise and providing helpful resources."

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