

Academic Excellence

At St. Mary's College, academic excellence comes as standard and we are proud of our long tradition of outstanding academic achievement. Our 2021 A Level and GCSE results were extremely pleasing:

- Over half of all GCSE grades (52%) were at the highest 9-7 grades
- 41% of our GCSE candidates achieved seven or more 9-7 grades each.
- Just under a quarter of GCSE candidates (23%) recorded ten or more 9-7 grades and 12% of candidates achieved eleven or more top grades.
- Overall, 87% of GCSE candidates recorded ten or more GCSE passes, with many achieving 11 GCSEs. This reflects the broad and balanced curriculum at St. Mary's and the fact that we do not restrict the number of GCSE subjects students can take.
- Our A Level candidates recorded a 100% pass rate with almost two thirds of students (63%) achieving three or more A*, A or B grades.
- 57% of all A Level grades were at the highest A*/A grades and 83% of all A Level grades were A*, A or B grades.
- St. Mary's College has finished top of the GCSE results table for Sefton for the past three consecutive years.
- Our Attainment 8 score of 56.8 is higher than all other state and independent schools in Sefton. This official top ranking reflects the breadth and quality of our curriculum and the excellent academic achievements of our pupils.
- St. Mary's has a great track record in improving students' performance.
- We are regularly in the top 5% nationally for 'value added', a measure of quality reflecting the extent to which the educational experience enhances pupils' knowledge, abilities, skills and performance at public examinations beyond predicted levels.
- The Mathematics Department annually enters the UKMT Maths Challenge and achieves a range of Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
- St. Mary's College has been honoured as an Associate School by the Royal Society in recognition of the high quality of science teaching at St. Mary's over many years.
- The vast majority of our students achieve their first choice of university.



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