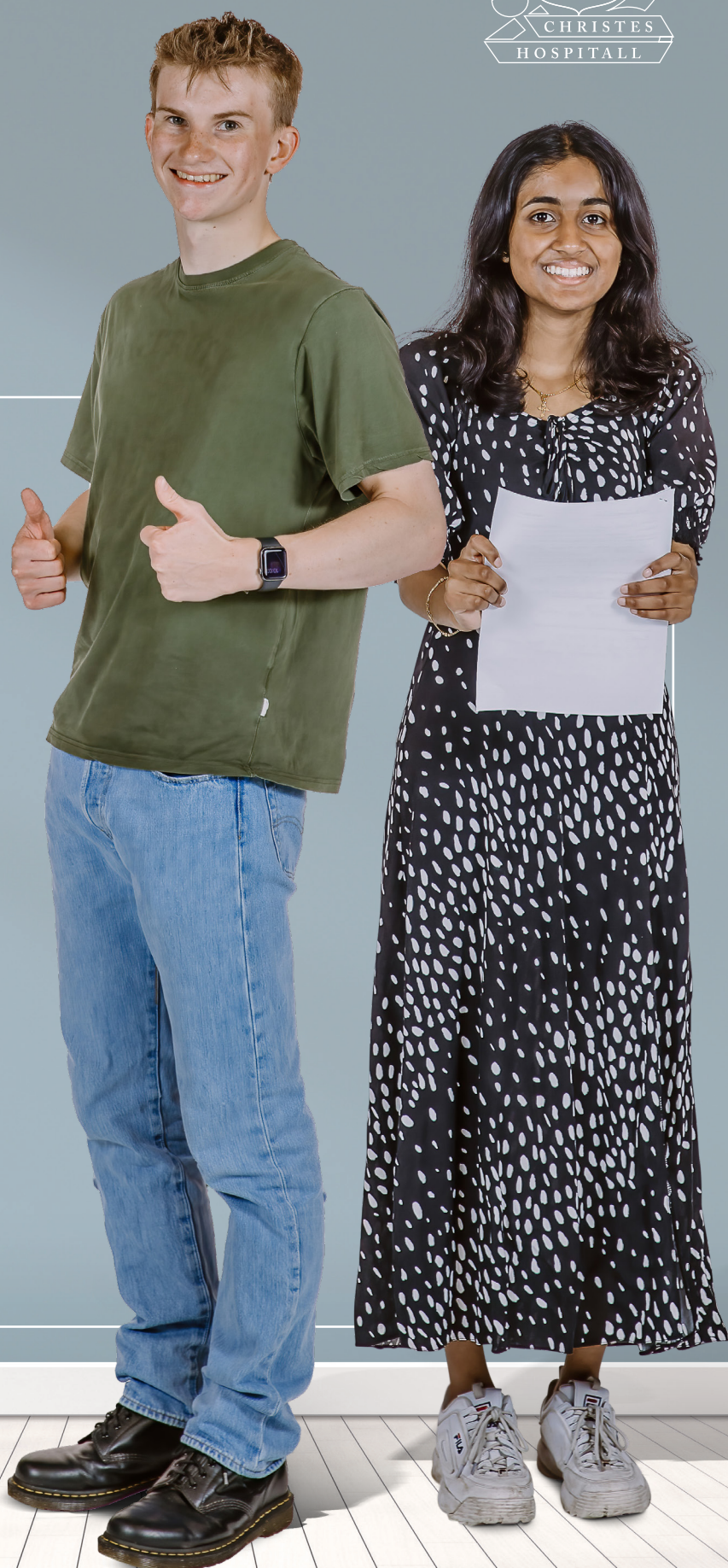




EXAM RESULTS 2023

PETER
SYMONDS
COLLEGE



RESULTS ANALYSIS

In 2023 Peter Symonds students once again achieved outstanding examination results. The College achieved a pass rate of 98% at A Level.



We are extremely proud of all of our students, the progress that they make when they are with us, and the things they go on to do when they leave.

60%
60% of A level grades achieved were either A*, A or B grades.

57%
Excellence at A Level is matched by excellence on vocational courses. 57% of students on BTEC courses secured Distinction or Distinction* grades.

AMBITION
Far more ex-Symonds students leave university with first or upper second class degrees than is typical for students from either the state or independent sectors. This is a remarkable achievement and bears testament to the thorough grounding students receive with us. The College remains a perfect place for ambition.

650
Government statistics show that more Symonds students go to Russell Group universities than from any other institution in the country. In 2023, 650 students took up places at these top universities.

46
Since 2000, an average of 46 students per year have been offered places at Oxbridge.

TOP 5
Research by the Sutton Trust shows that Peter Symonds is one of the five top contributors of students to Oxford and Cambridge universities nationally. Others in the top five include Eton, St Paul's and Westminster independent schools.

1615
1615 students progressed to university in 2023.

PROGRESS
Government performance tables show that students at Peter Symonds make more progress from their starting points than would be expected. Our students have attained a statistically significant positive score every year since the government first published value added data.

SCIENCES
Our students also have a remarkable record of securing places to study medicine, veterinary science and dentistry. In 2023, 55 students were offered places to study medicine, dentistry or veterinary science. Symonds remains the destination of choice for students aspiring to careers in science and medicine.

A LEVEL RESULTS

From 2023

Figures correct at time of going to press.



	No of entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	A*–B	A*–C	A*–E
Art: Fine Art	105	10%	24%	37%	20%	5%	2%	2%	71%	91%	98%
Art: Photography	79	0%	11%	51%	26%	9%	3%	0%	62%	88%	100%
Art: Textile Design	52	19%	29%	52%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%
Art: Three Dimensional Design	29	3%	10%	28%	45%	7%	7%	0%	41%	86%	100%
Biology	412	15%	22%	31%	18%	8%	5%	1%	68%	86%	99%
Business	268	2%	9%	25%	29%	21%	10%	4%	36%	65%	96%
Chemistry	325	12%	25%	25%	18%	11%	6%	3%	62%	80%	97%
Classical Civilisation	104	2%	11%	39%	31%	13%	3%	1%	52%	83%	99%
Computer Science	106	6%	19%	18%	13%	16%	20%	8%	43%	56%	92%
Dance	16	19%	19%	31%	25%	6%	0%	0%	69%	94%	100%
Drama & Theatre Studies	34	3%	9%	38%	29%	21%	0%	0%	50%	79%	100%
Economics	237	6%	24%	28%	29%	11%	2%	0%	58%	87%	100%
English Language	86	6%	10%	40%	27%	12%	5%	0%	56%	83%	100%
English Language/Literature	89	4%	13%	31%	40%	11%	0%	1%	48%	88%	99%
English Literature	157	11%	19%	39%	21%	8%	1%	1%	69%	90%	99%
Environmental Science	122	6%	8%	30%	25%	18%	7%	6%	44%	69%	94%
Film Studies	71	6%	17%	45%	28%	4%	0%	0%	68%	96%	100%
French	54	13%	39%	26%	16%	6%	0%	0%	78%	94%	100%
Further Mathematics	98	34%	23%	21%	12%	6%	3%	1%	78%	90%	99%
Geography	200	8%	40%	29%	15%	5%	3%	0%	77%	92%	100%
German	15	27%	33%	27%	6%	7%	0%	0%	87%	93%	100%
Graphic Communication	68	18%	21%	40%	14%	6%	1%	0%	79%	93%	100%
History (Route A)	33	0%	27%	45%	25%	0%	3%	0%	72%	97%	100%
History (Route B)	102	2%	19%	31%	25%	18%	3%	2%	52%	77%	98%
History (Route C)	137	9%	25%	40%	15%	6%	4%	1%	74%	89%	99%
Italian	14	43%	50%	0%	0%	0%	7%	0%	93%	93%	100%
Latin	7	0%	43%	29%	28%	0%	0%	0%	72%	100%	100%
Law	142	10%	16%	27%	16%	16%	11%	4%	53%	69%	96%
Mathematics	534	21%	24%	22%	16%	8%	7%	2%	67%	83%	98%
Media Studies	96	9%	17%	43%	26%	3%	2%	0%	69%	95%	100%
Music (College)	25	0%	12%	24%	36%	20%	8%	0%	36%	72%	100%
Music (HSMC)	10	30%	40%	30%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%
Philosophy	82	5%	21%	28%	22%	7%	15%	2%	54%	76%	98%
Physical Education	91	4%	14%	34%	29%	11%	8%	0%	52%	81%	100%
Physics	205	16%	22%	21%	16%	14%	8%	3%	59%	75%	97%
Politics	137	14%	22%	34%	19%	6%	3%	2%	70%	89%	98%
Product Design	59	5%	12%	24%	32%	17%	8%	2%	41%	73%	98%
Psychology	393	5%	16%	33%	26%	13%	6%	1%	54%	80%	99%
Religious Studies	39	3%	15%	46%	20%	8%	8%	0%	64%	84%	100%
Sociology	254	5%	12%	30%	27%	18%	6%	2%	47%	74%	98%
Spanish	56	14%	29%	29%	14%	9%	5%	0%	72%	86%	100%
Statistics	25	4%	12%	12%	44%	16%	8%	4%	28%	72%	96%
Total	5168	10%	20%	30%	22%	11%	5%	2%	60%	82%	98%

OTHER LEVEL 3 RESULTS

EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION

	No of entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	A*–B	A*–C	A*–E
EPQ	350	29%	40%	22%	5%	2%	1%	0%	91%	97%	100%

BTEC & CTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE LEVEL 3

	No of entries	D*	D	M	P	FL	Pass
Applied Law	38	11%	37%	45%	7%	0%	100%
Business	48	8%	52%	35%	5%	0%	100%
Health & Social Care	30	7%	40%	33%	20%	0%	100%
Information Technology	11	27%	27%	27%	19%	0%	100%
Digital Music Production	32	19%	53%	22%	6%	0%	100%
Popular Music Performance	15	0%	33%	60%	7%	0%	100%
Performance Acting	33	27%	36%	37%	0%	0%	100%
Sport	27	19%	44%	30%	7%	0%	100%

BTEC & CTEC DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

	No of entries	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	FL	Pass
Business	34	3%	38%	38%	18%	3%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Digital Media	21	48%	5%	24%	19%	4%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Health & Social Care	21	10%	19%	5%	33%	14%	10%	9%	0%	100%
Information Technology	15	7%	40%	27%	20%	6%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Sport	17	12%	18%	18%	18%	34%	0%	0%	0%	100%

BTEC & CTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

	No of entries	D*D*D*	D*D*D	D*DD	DDD	DDM	DMM	MMM	MMP	MPP	PPP	FL	Pass
Health & Social Care	9	11%	11%	22%	11%	22%	23%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Sport	11	18%	18%	0%	27%	0%	0%	9%	0%	0%	28%	0%	100%

VTCT DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

	No of entries	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	FL	Pass
F, T & M Hair & Make-up	23	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	96%

EDUQAS DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

	No of entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	X	A*–B	A*–C	A*–E
Criminology	211	3%	13%	29%	24%	25%	4%	2%	0%	45%	69%	98%
Medical Science	25	0%	28%	32%	28%	12%	0%	0%	0%	60%	88%	100%

T LEVEL

	No of entries	DS	ME	PA	U
Education and Childcare	8	62.50%	12.50%	12.50%	12.50%

LEVEL 2 RESULTS

CTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2

	No of entries	D*	D	M	P	FL	Pass
Business	33	18%	39%	33%	10%	0%	100%
Information Technology	23	74%	9%	9%	8%	0%	100%
Media Studies	29	76%	21%	3%	0%	0%	100%

GCSE

	No of entries	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	7–9	4–9
English	90	1%	1%	2%	6%	23%	36%	17%	4%	0%	0%	4.4%	76.7%
Italian	13	1%	4%	5%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	76.9%	100%
Mathematics	91	0%	0%	3%	4%	5%	34%	30%	12%	2%	0%	3.3%	66.5%

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

“Symonds’ teaching style and the expectations staff have of students feel very mature. It’s a friendly and fun place and there are plenty of people with shared interests.”



SAM RIGGS

Previous school:
Hamble Community College

Subjects:
Fine Art, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics, EPQ

What’s next?
Physics, Imperial College London.

“Support is all around at Symonds. It’s in workshops, from tutors, the Heads of Subject, the careers team and of course from teachers in lessons. The advice from the Oxbridge admissions tutor was invaluable. I would definitely recommend.”



ETHAN CHONG

Previous school:
Thornden School

Subjects:
Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Further Mathematics, EPQ

What’s next?
Medicine, University of Oxford.

“Symonds is so friendly and welcoming! I met lots of of new people and made plenty of new friendships which I’ll be taking into my life beyond the college.”



DOMINIC CLIFFORD

Previous school:
Hounslow School

Subjects:
Biology, Environmental Science, Geography

What’s next?
Applied Zoology, Harper Adams University.

“The teachers at Symonds are lovely and the campus is really nice. I’ve discovered independence, passions and goals as well as making lots of new friends.”



EMILY COLLINS

Previous school:
Mountbatten School

Subjects:
Environmental Science, Geography, Graphic Communication, EPQ

What’s next?
Environmental Science, University of Plymouth

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

“I’ve enjoyed my time here so much! There is so much help available from friends and staff alike. Extra guidance is always there if you ever needed it which is reassuring and invaluable.”



RHYS DURBIN

Previous school:
Thornden School

Subjects:
Biology, Chemistry, Maths

What’s next?
Medicine, The University of Manchester

“The teachers’ enthusiasm, knowledge and dedication is incredible – they went above and beyond. If the solution wasn’t at their fingertips, they’d somehow find a way to make sure you got the help you wanted – nothing was too much trouble.”



CJ HOYLE

Previous school:
Home educated

Subjects:
Film Studies, Product Design, Sculpture

What’s next?
Ceramics, Cardiff School of Art & Design

“I loved how close the campus is to the city centre! Being able to balance my studies with social time was important. I was encouraged to forge my own way but I always knew that help was on hand.”



BRYONY RHODES

Previous school:
Saint George Catholic College

Subjects:
Criminology, Media Studies, Medical Science

What’s next?
Gap year with Camp America followed by nursing at university

“I really enjoyed the freedom to structure my time more independently. I also made excellent connections which helped me gain my apprenticeship. This experience helped me during networking events ahead of starting with my new firm.”



OLIVIER STAWOWSKI

Previous school:
Wildern School

Subjects:
Business, Geography

What’s next?
Accountancy apprenticeship, BDO LLP UK

BEYOND SIXTH FORM

“The enrichment activities are Symonds’ unsung heroes. There’s so much to choose from. There’s such a wide choice of courses outside of traditional A Levels too.”



MATILDA WAKE

Previous school:
Robert May’s School

Subjects:
Classical Civilisation, English, Business, EPQ

What’s next?
Marketing and Management, University of Exeter

“Symonds provides such great opportunities. I learned so many new skills while coaching and working with others in scenarios I hadn’t encountered before. I am definitely taking these skills to Australia and beyond.”



ARABELLA WILSON

Previous school:
Amery Hill School

Subjects:
Sport

What’s next?
Gap year playing cricket in Melbourne, Australia, followed by Physical Education and Sports Coaching, University of Chichester

“There are so many facilities available here – it’s all yours for the taking. Symonds is a great place to develop between secondary school and whatever you want to do next.”



THOM YATES

Previous school:
Kings’ School

Subjects:
English Language and Literature, History, Product Design

What’s next?
Japanese Studies, Oxford Brookes University

“The staff are so passionate about what they do – they really connect with students. I became more independent during my time here but I knew that guidance was available when I needed it.”



FELIX YATES


Previous school:
Kings’ School

Subjects:
Computer Science, Environmental Science, Mathematics, Further Mathematics


What’s next?
Computer Science, University of Southampton



98%
PASS RATE
IN 2023 AT A LEVEL



1615
STUDENTS ACCEPTED
UNIVERSITY
PLACES IN 2023

★
859★
★
STUDENTS WERE
ACCEPTED INTO
THE SUTTON 30,
THE UK'S 30 MOST
COMPETITIVE
UNIVERSITIES★


71

MEDAL WINNERS
FROM 85 STUDENTS
COMPETING AT THE
AoC NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

39

OXBRIDGE
PLACES ACCEPTED
IN 2023

650
STUDENTS WENT TO
RUSSELL GROUP
UNIVERSITIES IN 2023


220
STUDENTS
INVOLVED
IN MUSIC



82%
OF A LEVEL GRADES
IN 2023 WERE
A*–C

18

YEARS AS AN
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