EXAM RESULTS 2026

PETER SYMONDS COLLEGE

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

RESULTS ANALYSIS

In 2026 Peter Symonds students once again achieved outstanding examination results. The College achieved a pass rate of 99% 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.

50

Over the last five years, an average of 50 Symonds students per year have been offered Oxbridge places.

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.

63%

63% of A Level grades achieved were either A*, A or B grades.

66%

Excellence at A Level is matched by excellence on vocational courses. 66% of students on BTEC courses secured Distinction or Distinction* grades.

1837

1837 students progressed to university in 2026.

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.

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.

928

Government statistics show that more Symonds students go to Russell Group universities than from any other institution in the country. In 2026, 928 students took up places at these top universities.

SCIENCES

Our students also have a remarkable record of securing places to study medicine, veterinary science and dentistry. In 2026, 62 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 2026

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	93	6%	30%	29%	24%	10%	1%	0%	65%	89%	100%
Art: Photography	70	9%	30%	27%	23%	8%	3%	0%	66%	89%	100%
Art: Textile Design	66	3%	12%	56%	23%	6%	0%	0%	71%	94%	100%
Art: Three Dimensional Design	29	14%	14%	24%	35%	10%	3%	0%	52%	87%	100%
Biology	486	17%	26%	24%	17%	10%	5%	1%	67%	84%	99%
Business	314	2%	13%	33%	28%	14%	7%	3%	48%	76%	97%
Chemistry	380	11%	31%	25%	17%	9%	4%	3%	67%	84%	97%
Classical Civilisation	70	4%	20%	31%	23%	12%	9%	1%	55%	78%	99%
Computer Science	125	9%	23%	19%	26%	11%	10%	2%	51%	77%	98%
Dance	23	13%	13%	26%	35%	13%	0%	0%	52%	87%	100%
Drama & Theatre Studies	39	3%	13%	67%	15%	2%	0%	0%	83%	98%	100%
Economics	303	8%	24%	34%	21%	10%	3%	0%	66%	87%	100%
English Language	88	2%	11%	39%	33%	11%	4%	0%	52%	85%	100%
English Language/Literature	74	12%	19%	34%	26%	9%	0%	0%	65%	91%	100%
English Literature	147	10%	29%	42%	13%	4%	1%	1%	81%	94%	99%
Environmental Science	110	11%	12%	31%	26%	12%	5%	3%	54%	80%	97%
Film Studies	75	9%	20%	47%	20%	3%	0%	1%	76%	96%	99%
French	74	18%	30%	23%	19%	8%	1%	1%	71%	90%	99%
Further Mathematics	128	30%	36%	14%	13%	3%	3%	1%	80%	93%	99%
Geography	259	10%	25%	31%	22%	8%	2%	2%	66%	88%	98%
German	18	17%	17%	50%	5%	11%	0%	0%	84%	89%	100%
Graphic Communication	81	11%	18%	53%	17%	1%	0%	0%	82%	99%	100%
History (Route A)	33	3%	24%	46%	24%	0%	3%	0%	73%	97%	100%
History (Route B)	129	5%	21%	36%	19%	15%	4%	0%	62%	81%	100%
History (Route C)	129	5%	19%	53%	18%	3%	1%	1%	77%	95%	99%
Italian	12	17%	42%	33%	8%	0%	0%	0%	92%	100%	100%
Latin	4	0%	75%	25%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	100%	100%
Law	189	8%	16%	29%	20%	13%	11%	3%	53%	73%	97%
Mathematics	705	23%	29%	19%	15%	9%	4%	1%	71%	86%	99%
Media Studies	78	8%	17%	45%	20%	10%	0%	0%	70%	90%	100%
Music	18	17%	28%	33%	11%	11%	0%	0%	78%	89%	100%
Music (HSMC)	12	9%	50%	33%	8%	0%	0%	0%	92%	100%	100%
Music Technology	29	0%	7%	10%	21%	28%	31%	3%	17%	38%	97%
Philosophy	88	2%	22%	33%	23%	15%	4%	1%	57%	80%	99%
Physical Education	141	17%	14%	31%	18%	8%	6%	6%	62%	80%	94%
Physics	282	16%	20%	28%	17%	11%	6%	2%	64%	81%	98%
Politics	177	6%	19%	32%	19%	14%	8%	2%	57%	76%	98%
Product Design	106	6%	8%	28%	29%	20%	7%	2%	42%	71%	98%
Psychology	448	7%	16%	37%	23%	12%	4%	1%	60%	83%	99%
Religious Studies	36	3%	3%	44%	28%	19%	0%	3%	50%	78%	97%
Sociology	244	4%	14%	31%	31%	14%	5%	1%	49%	80%	99%
Spanish	68	19%	32%	29%	16%	2%	2%	0%	80%	96%	100%
Statistics	34	0%	23%	41%	9%	21%	3%	3%	64%	73%	97%
Total	6014	11%	22%	31%	20%	10%	4%	2%	64%	84%	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	392	30%	42%	17%	8%	3%	0%	0%	89%	97%	100%

BTEC & CTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE LEVEL 3

	No of entries	D*	D	M	P	U	Pass
Applied Human Biology	81	7%	35%	43%	15%	0%	100%
Applied Law	62	26%	45%	23%	6%	0%	100%
Business	79	6%	48%	41%	4%	1%	99%
Health and Social Care	37	35%	30%	30%	5%	0%	100%
Information Technology	41	12%	46%	37%	5%	0%	100%
Performance Acting	36	14%	58%	25%	3%	0%	100%
Popular Music Performance	12	17%	42%	33%	8%	0%	100%
Sport	50	10%	54%	34%	2%	0%	100%

BTEC & CTEC DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

	No of entries	D*D*	D*D	DD	DM	MM	MP	PP	FL	Pass
Business	33	3%	36%	39%	12%	6%	3%	0%	0%	100%
Digital Media	26	38%	27%	27%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Health & Social Care	30	10%	20%	43%	13%	3%	7%	3%	0%	100%
IT	11	18%	18%	36%	18%	0%	0%	0%	9%	91%
Sport	37	14%	19%	35%	16%	5%	5%	3%	3%	97%

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	8	0%	37%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	25%	13%	0%	0%	100%
Sport	9	56%	22%	22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%

VTCT DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

	No of entries	Pass	Total
F, T & M Hair & Make-up	24	100%	100%
Hairdressing	5	100%	100%

EDUQAS DIPLOMA LEVEL 3

	No of entries	A*	A	B	C	D	E	U	A*–B	A*–C	A*–E
Criminology	266	0%	11%	24%	34%	20%	6%	5%	35%	69%	95%

T LEVEL

	No of entries	D*	D	M	P	Pass
Education and Early Years	18	5%	67%	28%	0%	100%

LEVEL 2 RESULTS

CTEC EXTENDED CERTIFICATE LEVEL 2

	No of entries	D*	D	M	P	U	Pass
Business	81	60%	19%	20%	1%	0%	100%
Information Technology	68	65%	15%	12%	4%	4%	96%
Media	70	79%	14%	7%	0%	0%	100%

GCSE

	No of entries	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	U	4–9
Art and Design	30	0%	0%	0%	13%	27%	33%	17%	7%	3%	0%	73%
English	153	1%	0%	3%	10%	24%	42%	16%	2%	1%	1%	80%
Italian From Scratch	10	30%	40%	20%	0%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Mathematics	140	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	31%	50%	12%	1%	1%	36%

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

"The staff and teachers are top of the line, it has all the facilities anyone would need in college, and the student body is incredibly diverse, Symonds is for everybody."

EIGHT THOMIAGHANTSE

Previous school

South Wilts Grammar School

Subjects

English Literature, Mathematics, French, Further Mathematics

What's next?

Mathematics and Philosophy at University of York.

"I enjoyed meeting a lot of new people and making life long friendships that made my experience more enjoyable."

TOM SAUNDERS

Previous school

The Romsey School

Subjects

English Language, Biology, Psychology

What's next?

Translation (with a year abroad) at Cardiff.

"The college has such a warm, welcoming environment and it prepares you well for the next chapter of life."

ISHA PERWAZ

Previous school

Newlands Girls' School

Subjects

CTEC Digital Media, Mathematics

What's next?

Post production apprenticeship at the BBC in London.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

"There are so many enrichment opportunities available, there is always something for everyone. Leading Christian Union helped me to share my faith with other like-minded Christians."

ALICIA UKO

Previous school

Bishop Challoner Catholic School

Subjects

Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics

What's next?

Natural Sciences at University College, London.

"At PSC I could explore both my academic interests through programmes like HE+ and also my extra curricular interests like Christian Union and LAMDA."

ALMIRA UKO

Previous school

Bishop Challoner Catholic School

Subjects

Mathematics, Economics, Politics

What's next?

Economics and Politics at London School of Economics.

"The mix of academic pressure, support and enthusiasm create the perfect environment to dream big, study hard and achieve whatever your heart desires!"

JOSHUA GILLATE

Previous school

The Clere School

Subjects

Biology, Chemistry, Spanish, EPQ

What's next?

Veterinary Medicine and Surgery at Nottingham University.

"What makes Peter Symonds such a strong college is its diverse student body and incredible teachers. I am forever grateful to all my teachers for their patience, support and kindness."

SAHAR GHANDI

Previous school

The Henry Beaufort School

Subjects

Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Further Mathematics

What's next?

Physics at Imperial College London.

BEYOND SIXTH FORM

"Very good support and amazing teachers, I like making friends in lessons, chatting and going to Ashurst."

THOMAS HAMPSON

Previous school

Kings School

Subjects

Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, EPQ

What's next?

Natural Sciences at Cambridge University.

"Amazing set of new people, great teaching system and incredible social networking!"

FARAH LOUISE APELLIDO

Previous school

St Annes Catholic School

Subjects

Textiles, Media, Business

What's next?

Fashion Marketing and Promotion at Westminster University.

"I love being able to focus on the subjects I am most passionate about, as well as meeting and being able to spend time with my friends."

AMELIA JACKSON

Previous school

St Annes Catholic School

Subjects

Art, Mathematics, Physics

What's next?

Civil Engineering at University of Bristol.

"The college gave lots of support with getting my degree apprenticeship. All of my teachers were fantastic and knowledgeable about their subjects."

LEWIS BUNDY

Previous school

Mountbatten School

Subjects

History, Politics, Computer Science, EPQ

What's next?

Degree Apprenticeship in Project Management, KBS Maritime at Portsmouth Naval Base, University of Portsmouth.

99%
PASS RATE
IN 2026 AT A LEVEL

1837
STUDENTS ACCEPTED
UNIVERSITY
PLACES IN 2026

1126
STUDENTS WERE ACCEPTED INTO THE SUTTON 30, THE UK'S 30 MOST COMPETITIVE UNIVERSITIES

62
MEDAL WINNERS
AT THE AOC
NATIONAL
CHAMPIONSHIPS

54
OXBRIDGE
PLACES ACCEPTED
IN 2026

928
STUDENTS WENT TO
RUSSELL GROUP
UNIVERSITIES IN 2026

225
STUDENTS
INVOLVED
IN MUSIC

64%
OF A LEVEL GRADES
IN 2026 WERE
A*–B

21
YEARS AS AN
OFSTED
'OUTSTANDING'
PROVIDER

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