



Midsomer Norton
Schools Partnership
The Sixth Form

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An impressive set of Sixth Form results

Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Sixth Form saw students celebrating impressive results. The partnership includes students attending the Somerset Studio School Sixth Form, Writhlington Sixth Form and Midsomer Norton Sixth Form, and is one of the largest and most successful sixth forms in the South West. These are students who had been affected by the Covid pandemic and did not have the opportunity to sit formal GCSEs in Year 11.

The students celebrated an incredible set of results following months of dedication and exceptional hard work. These outcomes will allow them to embark on high quality apprenticeships, careers and places at top universities across the country. Over 54% achieved A* - B and 84% of our students passed A*-C. All of these measures are above the national averages.

Director of Post 16, Karen Ward said “We are very proud of the achievements of our students, and of the real perseverance and resilience the students have shown over the course of the last 18 months. We wish them all the best for the bright futures they have ahead of them as they begin the next chapter in their lives. With their strong destinations including exciting apprenticeships and places at leading universities, we are confident that our students’ diligence and dedication will ensure their success in whichever path they choose to take. “

Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership CEO Alun Williams, joined with Head Teachers from all sites to commend the students stating “I am delighted by the achievements of Year 13 students this year. They have done exceptionally well. Finally, I’d like to wish all our Year 13s the very best of luck for what will no doubt be an exciting future.”

Students continued to be ambitious this year with their future plans. This year’s outstanding results have too many significant individual accomplishments to mention. Detailed below are a few of the many notable achievements from each campus:

MSN Sixth Form

Gordon Green and Jo Postlethwaite, Headteachers of Norton Hill School and Somervale School stated: ‘We are delighted to once again report that it’s been another tremendous year for the Sixth Form students with results that more than justify their hard work and dedication as well as the considerable support and encouragement of parents and carers.’

‘We would like to pass on our congratulations to all of our students who have again achieved extremely high grades this year. Students achieved exceptional grades with students bucking the national trend and more achieving the top end grades with 33% A* - A grades, 63% A*-B as well as 89% A*- C with 100% pass rate overall. We would like to give each and every one of them our very best wishes for whatever path they choose to take in future. There is another group of key people who continue to ensure the success of our students and we would like to take this opportunity to

thank our hard-working teaching and support staff. Their help and guidance allows these young people to achieve their full potential.'

Erin Sage achieved A*, A*, A*, A and will be progressing to Mansfield College, Oxford University to study English Language and Literature.

Henry Abbott 2 A*s and an A they will go onto study at St John's College, Oxford University to study Chemistry.

James Peter achieved 3 A* grades, an A grade and a B grade and is progressing to Magdalen College, Oxford University to study Chemistry.

James Baron achieved 3 A* grades and is progressing to the University of Manchester, to study Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry.

Libby Wright achieved 3 A's and will be studying Medicine at the University of Bristol.

Ellie Bailey-Wilkinson achieved Distinction*, Distinction, and two B's. They will be progressing to Midwifery at Worcester University.

Somerset Studio School Sixth Form (SSS)

Bruce Hain, Headteacher of SSS said, 'We are inspired by the stunning achievements of our brave, talented and hard-working students. They have triumphed over the challenge of the science, engineering and education courses. We wish them all the very best in their ambitious next steps, across the suite of destinations, universities, higher apprenticeships and employment. Well done and good luck!'

Justin Dowding achieved 2 Distinctions with a C grade in Product Design and is progressing on to study Aerospace Engineering at UWE.

Luke Hansford achieved Distinction *, Distinction and a grade C to go on to study Mechanical engineering at UWE

Chris McCoy achieved two Distinction *'s and a Distinction in Forensics.

Sophie Young achieved two Distinctions and a B to go on to study motorsport engineering at Oxford Brookes University.

Millie Emmett who achieved three B's and is now progressing on to study primary education at the University of South Wales.

Writhlington Sixth Form

Keith Howard, Headteacher of Writhlington School said, 'The results our students have achieved this year are fantastic. They have achieved 26% A*-A grades, 53% A*-B grades, 86% A*-C grades and a 100% overall pass rate. It is a testament to their commitment and dedication to their studies. Their engagement over the two years hasn't faltered and they have been an excellent cohort, who have done themselves proud with their achievements. On behalf of all the school staff, we wish them every success on the next stage of their journey, at University or in employment.'

Joel Chalk achieved 3 A*'s and an A grade and will be studying Music.

Will Gold achieved 3 A*'s and an A, he will be progressing on to study Mathematics at Warwick University.

Otto Johnson achieved 3 A's and an A* and will be studying History

Alex May achieved 3 A's and an A*, they will be progressing on to study Mathematics and Physics at Exeter University.

