



Improving the life chances of all students

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Firstly, everyone at CODA would like to say well done to all of our Year 11 students.

We are very proud of you and it has been a privilege to have you as part of the CODA community. We are especially proud of you having faced the challenges, disruptions and uncertainties of recent years, not least those brought upon us by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Grade boundaries this year have been adjusted to pre-pandemic levels, which means that all results in England are lower than those in the previous three years.

The school's minister, Nick Gibb, has said "it's important to get back to normal grading", but he also recognises that students in Year 11 "have undoubtedly suffered disruption to their education... this particular group of youngsters will have suffered in year 8 and 9 when we had lockdown".

CODA also serves a community which faces many challenges, and the government recognises that the pandemic and the grade boundary changes will affect communities with many disadvantaged students like ours more than others.

Since 2017, CODA has maintained steady improvements in results. Whilst this summer's results have not maintained these overall improvements they are a reflection of the disruption and challenges our students have faced, the grade boundary changes, and lower grades nationally.

Nevertheless, despite the slight fall in overall results compared to 2019 there have actually been some results this year that have improved compared to pre-pandemic levels:

- The percentage of students achieving Grade 5 in English and Maths has increased
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- Attainment 8 score in Maths and Open elements has increased
- Attainment 8 scores for students with high, middle and low prior attainment have all increased

Whilst there are many successes, I would like to highlight the following for their phenomenal performances:

Ashley B	Level 2 Distinction* in Health & Social Care
Abduarahman D	Three grade 7s and Grade 8 in Maths
Tanya D	Grade 9 in Art
Harman K	Two grade 8s in History and English Language
Ramandeep K	Two grade 9s in History and RE
Arshmeet S	Two grade 8s in Maths and History
Jashandeep S	Grade 8/7 in Science and grade 8 in Maths
Paramraj S	Grade 8 In English Language
Prince S	Grade 8/8 in Science
Jayden W	Three grade 9s, one grade 8 and a Level 2 Distinction *

Almost all of our students have secured the grades they need to access their preferred pathways in September, whether that be further education, training or employment, and those that didn't have been supported today by CODA staff and colleagues from local colleges who have been on site.

We recognise how important grades are to students and their families, but like Ofsted we also acknowledge that “they only represent a sample of what students have learned”.

Our vision is to improve the life chances of all our students, and I believe that the support and commitment of our staff in helping to realise this vision will have provided our students with much more than grades alone in supporting them in their preparation for adult life.

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