



# More House School Year Eleven Results Summer 2023

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## PRESS RELEASE

### Aspiration to succeed

Against the odds, local pupils with learning difficulties relating to literacy, language-skills, attention and motor-skills have triumphed in their GCSE and equivalent BTEC qualifications, beating national averages.

Students at the United Kingdom's largest school for children with special educational needs, More House School in Frensham, were celebrating this week as they opened their results to discover they had beaten the national average for good passes (grades 9 to 4) by more than 12 percentage points. In doing so, many achieved what they and their parents had never thought possible.

Headmaster, Jonathan Hetherington, explained that many of More House's students first arrive at the school fearing they will never succeed in education, and frightened by the future. "They lack self-esteem and confidence, and we help them to discover where their strengths lie, and to overcome the barriers to learning, unlocking their potential".

The school's 68 Year Eleven students achieved 77% of GCSE and BTEC results at grades 9 to 4, or the BTEC equivalent of Distinction\* to Level 2 Pass.

77% of More House's candidates have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) evidencing higher levels of special educational needs.

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The pupils also beat the national statistics for good passes in Mathematics, with 71% achieving grades 9 to 4. 62% achieved a grade 4 or higher in English Language, again higher than the national statistic, and 81% secured at least one good pass in a science.

Mr Hetherington spoke of the importance of all subject teachers understanding the difficulties experienced by neurodiverse learners, and praised the skill and dedication of More House's staff, which includes Speech and Language therapists, Occupational therapists and Literacy tutors.

Half of More House's Year Eleven cohort gained at least one grade 9 to 7 or the BTEC equivalent of Distinction\* to Distinction (equivalent to the old categories of A\* and A). All students study a breadth of GCSEs, choosing from more than twenty subjects.

One parent reported "before he came to More House, we were advised by his previous school that our son should not sit GCSEs; but we are thrilled by his achieving a grade 8, three grade 7s, two grade 6s, a grade 5, and a BTEC Distinction\*!"

More House School was inspected by Ofsted in March 2023, and awarded the highest possible grade, Outstanding, in every judgement area, for both the school, and the boarding provisions.

The school is a registered charity and provides specialist training for teachers, SENCOs and school leaders locally and across the country, both for state-maintained schools and in the independent sector. The school has nearly 500 pupils on-roll, aged 8 to 18. Last week, it also celebrated its Sixth Form's A' Level results, with 81% of its leavers progressing to university.

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