



Press Release 20th August 2026:

St Michael's Catholic College Celebrates Best-Ever GCSE Results

Following last week's historic Sixth Form success, St Michael's Year 11 students achieve the school's best GCSE attainment on record.

St Michael's Catholic College is proudly celebrating a second consecutive week of record-breaking achievements, as its Year 11 cohort today secured the best-ever GCSE results in the school's history. The outstanding 2026 figures build on previous high performance and cement the college's standing as a beacon of academic excellence in South East London.

A remarkable 93% of students secured standard passes in English and 90% in Maths, in addition to this 77% of students achieved at least one grade 7, 8, or 9,

Leading this year's historic results are Yousef C and Miya C, who both achieved an astounding 13 Grade 9s, making them the school's joint top performers.

As a Catholic college guided by a Salesian charism, we know that success is not defined by top grades alone. The school celebrates every individual path, recognising that a hard-won Grade 4 or 5 in core subjects can also represent incredible personal growth and progress.

This cohort's record-breaking performance is all the more impressive given their unique educational journey: having missed out on sitting formal Key Stage 2 SATs in primary school due to the COVID-19 pandemic, completing Key Stage 4 through formal public exams is a blessing and a testament to their strength of character. It is also important to recognise those students who navigated significant personal challenges along the way, showing remarkable resilience to reach today's milestone.

The vast majority of Year 11 students will be continuing their education at St Michael's highly successful Sixth Form. They join a post-16 provision that reported its own best ever A Level and CTEC results last week, with performance significantly above national averages in all subjects and will follow in the footsteps of alumni heading to Oxbridge, Durham, LSE, King's, and other leading/Russell Group universities or undertaking competitive apprenticeships.

Quote from The Principal Felicity Corcoran:

“To follow last week’s historic Sixth Form performance with the best GCSE results in St Michael’s history is an extraordinary moment for our entire school community and we are immensely proud of every single Year 11 student.

Rooted in our Salesian ethos of loving kindness, respect and belonging, we measure success not just in data, but in character and growth, therefore whether a student earned a sweep of Grade 9s or fought through challenges to secure a vital Grade 4 or 5, every outcome today represents hard work that is worthy of huge celebration.

Having missed their primary SATs during the pandemic, seeing this year group rise to the occasion and deliver our best ever outcomes is truly wonderful.

This landmark achievement is as always, a shared effort. Our heartfelt thanks go to the students as well as our dedicated staff, supportive families, local Governors, and colleagues across the St Benedict Catholic Academy Trust who have all played a role in this cohort’s success. We look forward to welcoming the vast majority of our Year 11s back into the St Michael’s Sixth Form this September to continue their journey of excellence.

ST MICHAEL'S STUDENTS CELEBRATE BEST EVER GCSE RESULTS!



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