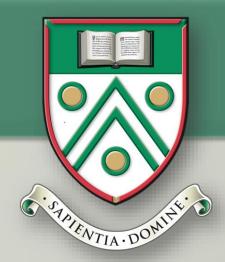
# Langley Grammar School Raising Achievement at A Level





Parents' Information Evening

Thursday 20 September 2018



## 2018 A level outcomes

Majority of A Level courses are now reformed – increased content, more challenging examinations

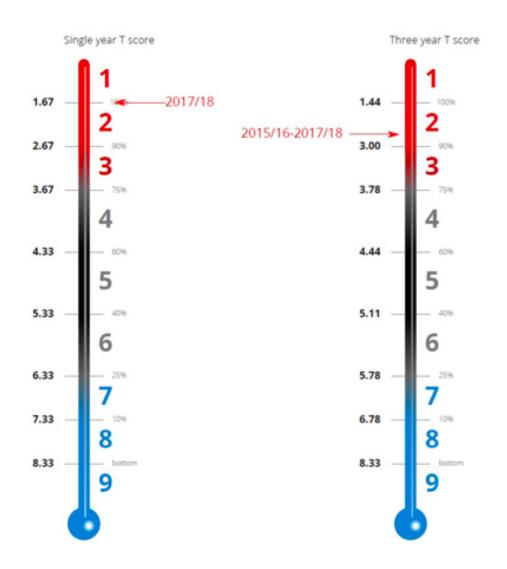
Overall, 71.3% of the grades awarded were at A\*, A or B.

Over 36% of grades awarded were A\* or A.

## 2018 A level outcomes

We were delighted to be awarded ALPS Grade 1.

This places Langley
Grammar School in
the very highest
category (top 5%) of
schools and colleges
nationally for the
value added in the
Sixth Form.



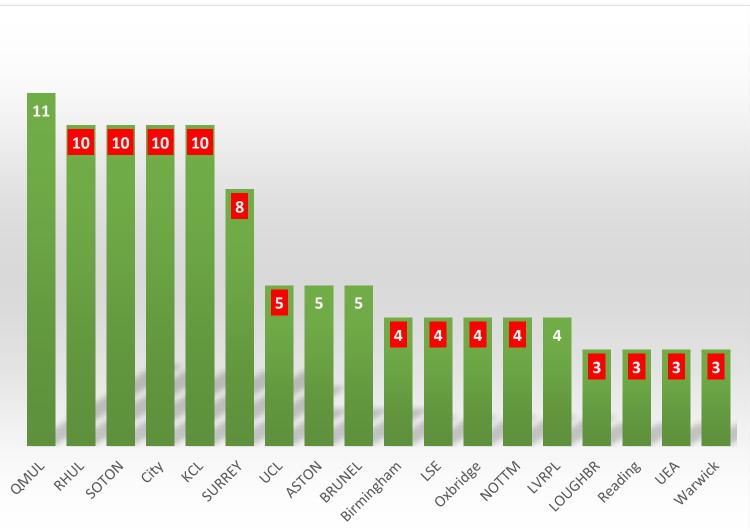
# We support our students to become...



Confident & wellrounded Independent & Creative Responsible & caring

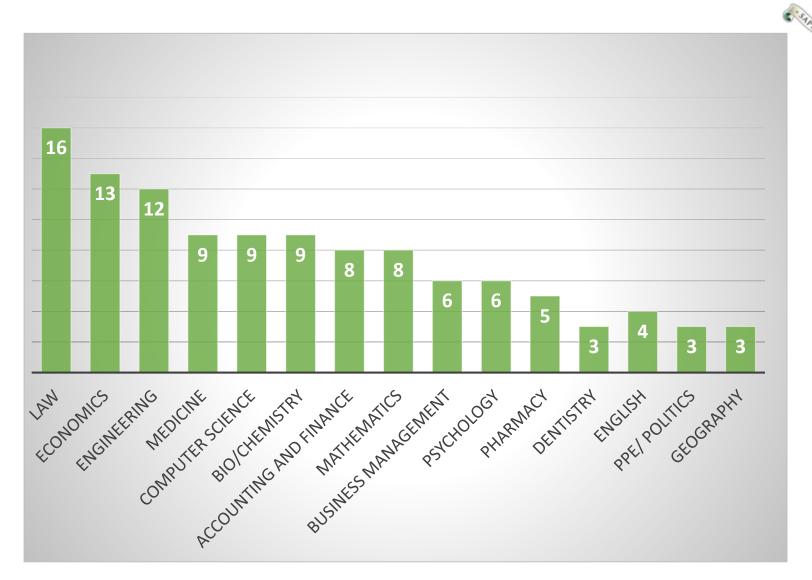


### Where are they going?





### What are they reading?



### What else are they doing?



- Two students choosing between finance apprenticeships and university.
- Another choosing between a law apprenticeship and university.
- Gap years- 8 choosing gap year, all of these intending to apply 2019.





- Review Year 1 results to identify strengths and weaknesses, scripts returned.
- Choose 3 (or 4) subjects to continue to A Level which build on Year 1 successes
- Review approach last year- use of time, engagement with teachers outside lessons.

## Target grades



#### Mean GCSE score → Minimum target A level grades/ UCAS points

(A\*=56 A=48, B=40, C=32, D=24, E=40)

Approx GCSE grades	QCA score band	AS level minimum target grades per student	Minimum exp grades (exc Gen St) taking 3 or 4 A levels
Mainly A and A*	55.0-58.0	AAAB	A*AAA
Mainly A's	52.0-<55.0	ABBB	AAA
Mainly A's few B's	50.2-<52.0	BBBC	ABB
Mainly A's & B's	48.4-<50.2	BBCC	BBB
Mainly B's few A's	46.6-<48.4	сссс	BBC
Just over all B's	44.8-<46.6	CCDD	BCC
Mainly B's few C's	43.0-<44.8	CDDD	ССС
Mainly C's few B's	41.2-<43.0	DDDD	CCD

## The A\* grade at A Level



- The A\* grade for full A level was awarded for the first time in August 2010
- Aim is to allow universities and employers to differentiate between candidates with top grades
- A\* grade is awarded to candidates who attain grade A standard overall AND achieve over 90% on the aggregate of their A Level units
- There is no A\* award at AS level apart from in the EPQ qualification.

### **Converting AS grades to A level results** (LGS 2014)



#### A level Grade

AS **Grade** 

	<b>A</b> *	A	В	C	D	E	U
A	42	105	31	2			
В	2	35	54	18	3		
С		5	31	32	5	1	
D		1	6	15	14	2	
E	1		3	4	4	5	
U				1	3	1	

**Total** No.

45

146

125 72

29

## Converting Y1 grades to A level results (LGS 2018)



#### A level Grade

PP Y1 Grade

	<b>A</b> *	A	В	C	D	Е	U
<b>A</b> *	15	6		1			
A	19	69	52	8	1		
В	1	44	79	29	3	2	1
С	1	7	24	35	11	7	3
D			3	14	5	8	
E					1	1	
U							

Total No.

36 126 158 87 21 18

## Post 18 Pathway decisions



- Applying to University- full degree, foundation degree
- Applying for Higher Apprenticeships
- Applying for Degree Apprenticeships
- Gap Year- structured
- Careers advice and support limited to nonexistent when they leave school.

## What is happening?



- All those who underachieved in Year 1 have been interviewed and set work over the summer.
- Subject Assessments last week in most subjects
- Sixth Form Success Proformas
- Supervised Study Report
- Academic Mentoring
- Working after school
- Guidance/ support from subject teachers

## What is happening?

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### **Assessment Points**



- WB 17 September- UCAS predicted grades issued
- Thursday 20 Sept Early applications submitted.
- Thursday 18 October- Parent Teacher Consultation 1
- WB 7 January- Y13 Practice Exams
- WB 11 February Student Led Reviews
- Wednesday 27 February- Parent Teacher Consultation 2
- WB 13 May- Public Examinations begin

## Good attendance is key



- As close to 100% as possible
- Evidence shows poor attendance correlates to poor outcomes.
  - For all 4 students who underachieved in all 3 of their subjects, attendance was a factor in all cases.
- Routine appointments outside school hours
- Applicant days/ interviews.

## Attitude is key



- Getting Post 18 pathway applications in early
- Relentlessly committed approach
- Proactive with teachers
- Completing additional work to tasks set by the teacher, which is shown to the teacher.
- Spreadsheet of past papers and their scores

Use distraction blocker apps Self control or cold turkey



# Making progress at A2 Make it happen!

**ACTION NOT WORDS** 

Use MyPLC website, check your revision against these

Ask for advice from teachers in areas of uncertainty and about how to achieve the next grade up (within and outside lessons as you go through the course)

Remember Year 2 is HARDER than Year 1

Review lesson content afterwards, complete topic past paper questions

Look at commitments outside school

Don't put things off

If there is an interest in your subjects why would working for them be an issue?

Universities want people who have a real interest in studying the subject and can show evidence of this.



## **Independent Learning**

Commit to <u>at least</u>
30-40 hours per week of study
(typically 15-20 hours in lessons)

Take personal responsibility for progress

Make a study plan, homework completed during independent study periods at school.

All independent study periods spent in the library or supervised area

Be organised to use private study time at school and at home productively

**Think** about what achieves an A\*

Good grades don't fall from the skythe need to work

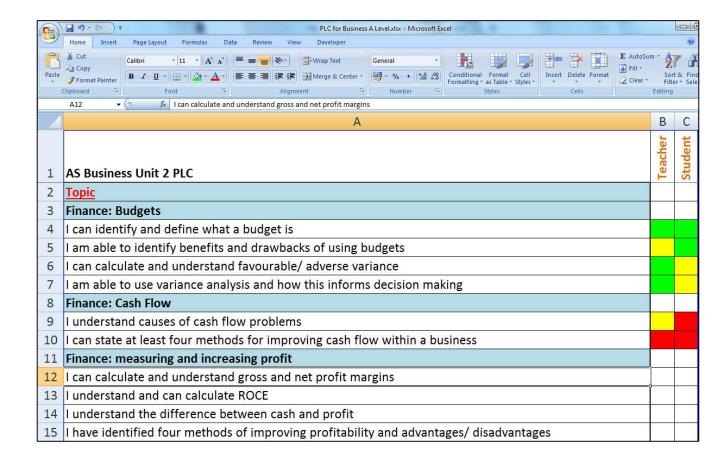


Track your PLCs anywhere – on computer, mobile or tablet

www.my-plc.co.uk

## What is a PLC?

A Personalised Learning Checklist is a list of all the skills you will need to understand in your A-Level subjects. You rate yourselves on each skill, with red amber or green, depending on how confident you feel.

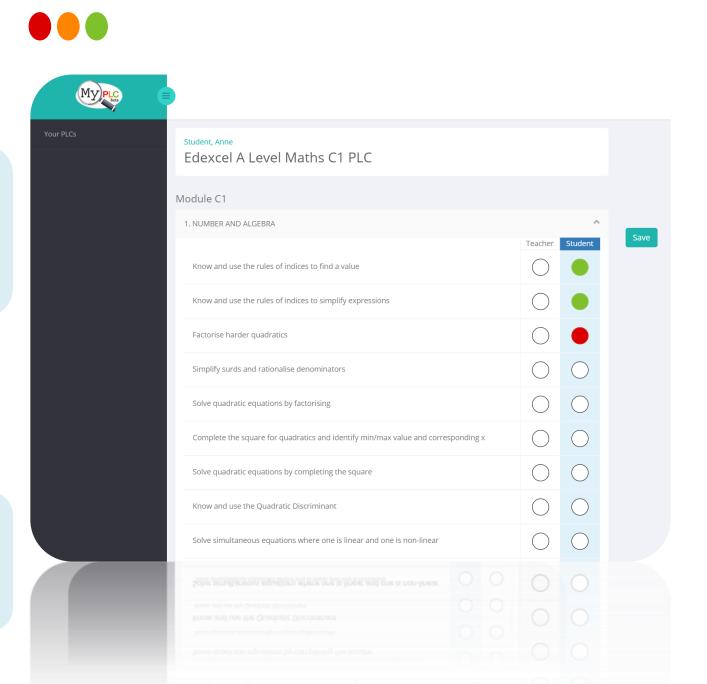


You may already use paper versions of PLCs, like a spreadsheet or a grid.

## Online PLCs

You use the column on the right to rate yourself, and your teacher will see this rating.

Your teacher uses the column on the left, which you can also see.



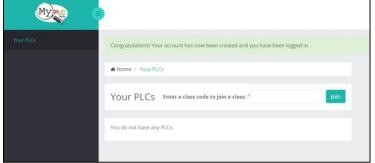
## How do I log in?



- 1) Go to www.my-plc.co.uk
- 2) Click "Register as a student"
- 3) Enter an email and a password –
  You'll get an email to confirm your account is set up.

4) When you first log in, you'll see a box that says "Enter a class code". Your teacher will give you a code – type it in here, and your PLCs will appear.





## Support from home



- Reinforce the messages about personal organisation and regular commitment of time to personal study
- Help to identify good times (and places) for study- is it best for them to be in their room?
- Support good working practices e.g. an hour's quality study followed by a ten minute break etc.
- Reinforce focused study, no distractions
- Ask them questions- have their asked their teachers how to reach the next grade?
- Have they started revision?
- What is the plan for UCAS applications? Apply 2019, Adjustment, Apply 2020, Higher Education Toolkit.

http://www.ucas.com/how-it-all-works/undergraduate/results/betterthan-expected

## What is 'Unifrog'?



A one-stop-shop for getting in.











#### Opportunity searching

Unifrog brings into one place every university course, apprenticeship, and college course in the UK, as well as other opportunities, such as School Leaver Programmes,

#### Login Code- langleygrammarparents

### Post 18 options

University or another route?







Gap year?













### Post 18 options

#### If applying to university:

balance between aspiration and realism



must take predicted grades into account

 vital to include sensible 'insurance' back-up option(s)



### To help your research .....



- Use resources in Careers & Higher Education section on the LGS website > from Main Menu, go to 'Student Activities' or 'Sixth Form'
- Revisit Life after Langley Grammar presentation on 'Options at 18' page:
  - Apply to University → Medical School, Oxbridge & Studying Abroad
  - Apprenticeships & School Leaver Schemes
  - Taking a gap year
- New Resources for Parents page
- Make an appointment to see Ms Ray.
- 'Unifrog'- new destination search tool

### What is the UCAS Process?



- Predicted Grades out now
- Students complete the UCAS form online and print a hard copy to submit to us. Date logged
- Process of writing the reference 3 weeks
- We show them the reference
- They wait to hear... offers, interviews...
- Select a firm and an insurance- April/May
- Student finance applied for by May 31 2019
- Results day confirm their option

# **Key elements to the UCAS Application Form**



- Personal Statement- one-to-one support with their tutor
- Pathway students- have been fast-tracked.
- Predicted Grades- range of universities.
- Reference- subject reference which are collated by the tutor and then checked by an approver, read by the student before being sent to UCAS.

# **Key UCAS Submission Dates** for 2018/19



#### **School**

- Oxbridge, Medicine,
   Dentistry, Veterinary
   Science by 20 September
- Other competitive courses (Russell Group universities) by 09 October
- All other UCAS applications by 3
   November

#### **UCAS**

- Early Applicants 18.00pm
   Monday 15 October 2018
- Monday 15 January



# What if they do better than their offers?



#### Adjustment

Register on UCAS track- phone universities on results day and up to 5 days afterwards.

Can be a real motivator.

# What if they do not achieve their offers?

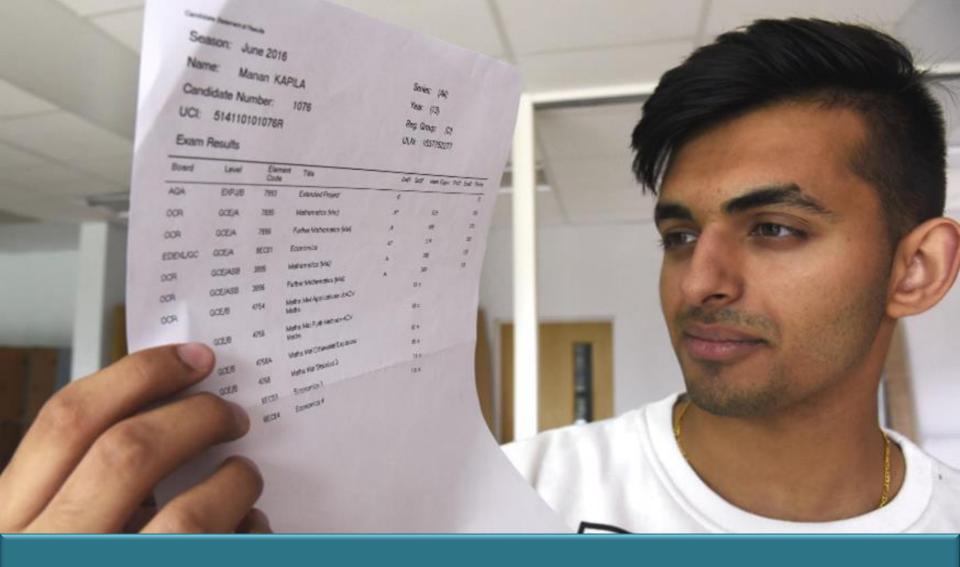


#### **Clearing**

- Track delivers the news early on results day.
- Clearing number
- Telegraph newspaper,
   UCAS website and
   university websites
   display vacancies.
   (Superstar scheme KCL)

## Applying the following year:

- Is it worth it?
- Resits and UCAS support we only have limited resources.
- Making good use of their Gap Year.
- Better to apply this year for something- opens doors.



## **Summary and Questions**