Year 13 Raising Achievement Evening

10 September 2026



Mobile Phones & Smart Devices

The Department for Education expects schools to be mobile phone-free by default.

This applies to all students at Langley Grammar School, including Sixth Form.



2026 A Level Outcomes

A*-A grades 53.2%

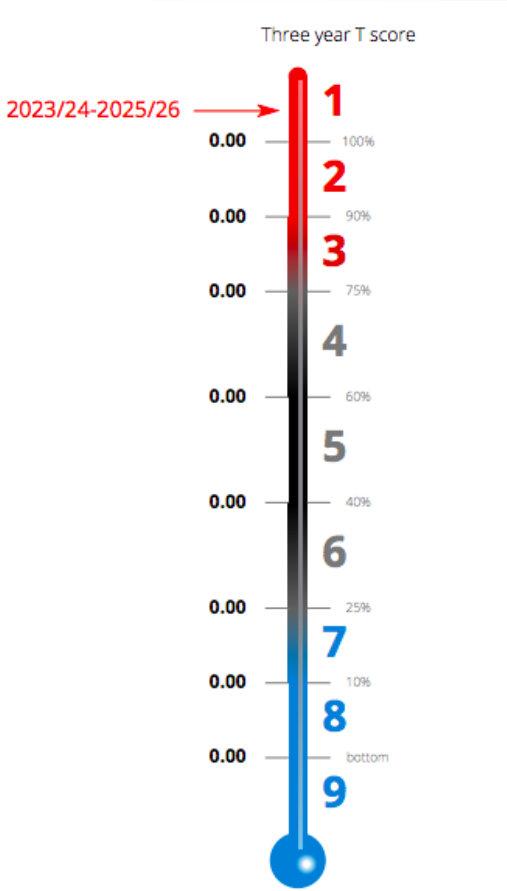
A*-B grades 82.3%

A*-E grades 99.8%

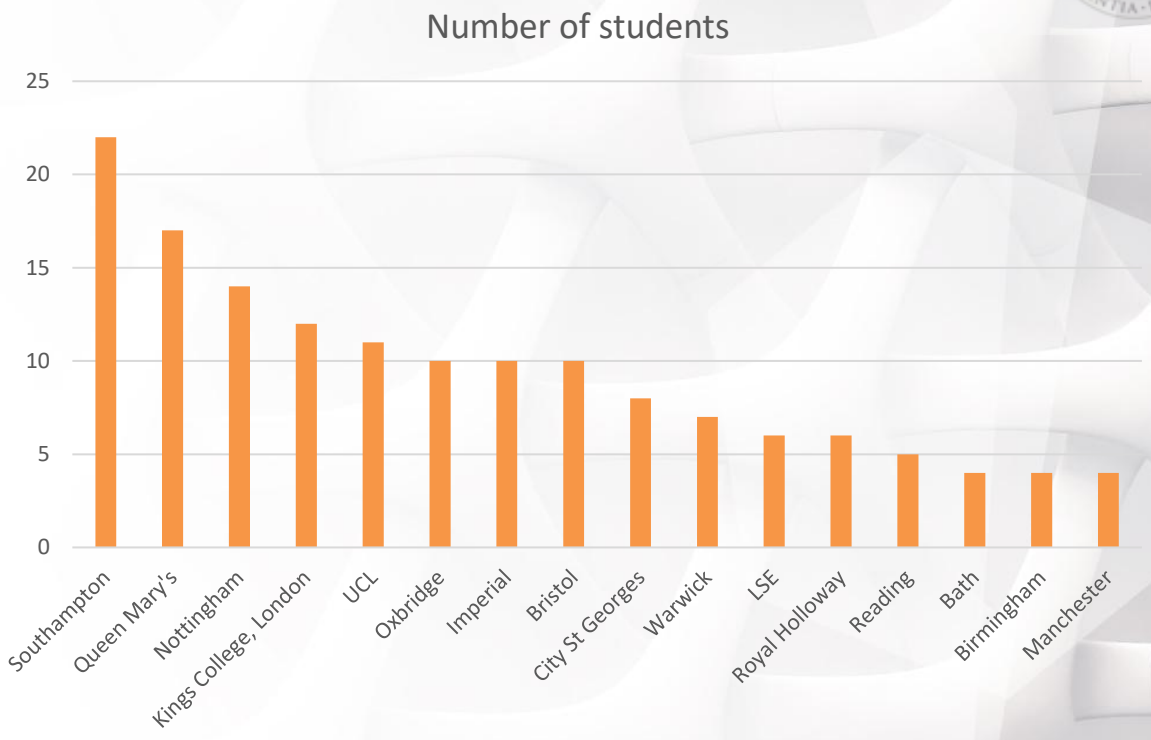
132 achieved their first choice

66% Russell Group Universities

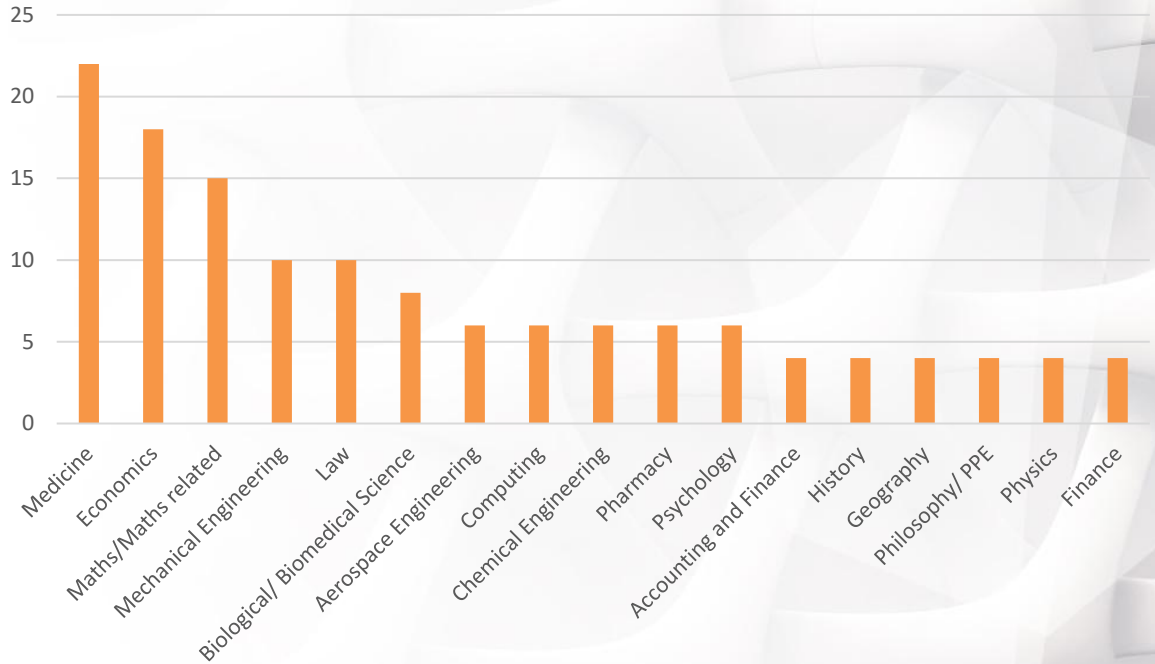
ALPS Value Added 2024-26



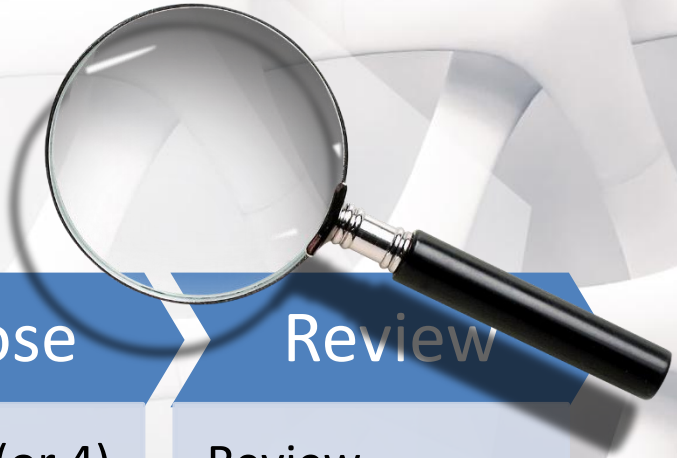
Where are they going?



What are they reading?



First Steps



Review	Choose	Review
Review Year 1 results to identify strengths and weaknesses.	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.

Minimum target A level grades Based on average GCSE point score

Alps Band	GCSE score band	Min. Exp. Points	MEG aspiration
1	7.75-9.00	124.00	A*/A
2	7.00 – < 7.75	109.82	A
3	6.55 – < 7.00	101.33	B
4	6.10 – < 6.55	95.00	B
5	5.65 – < 6.10	89.52	B/C
6	5.21 – < 5.65	83.75	B/C
7	4.77 – < 5.21	79.00	C
8	4.37 – < 4.77	74.89	C
9	3.79 – < 4.37	70.00	C/D
10	3.05 – < 3.79	65.71	C/D
11	0.00 – < 3.05	70.77	D

Predicted Grades

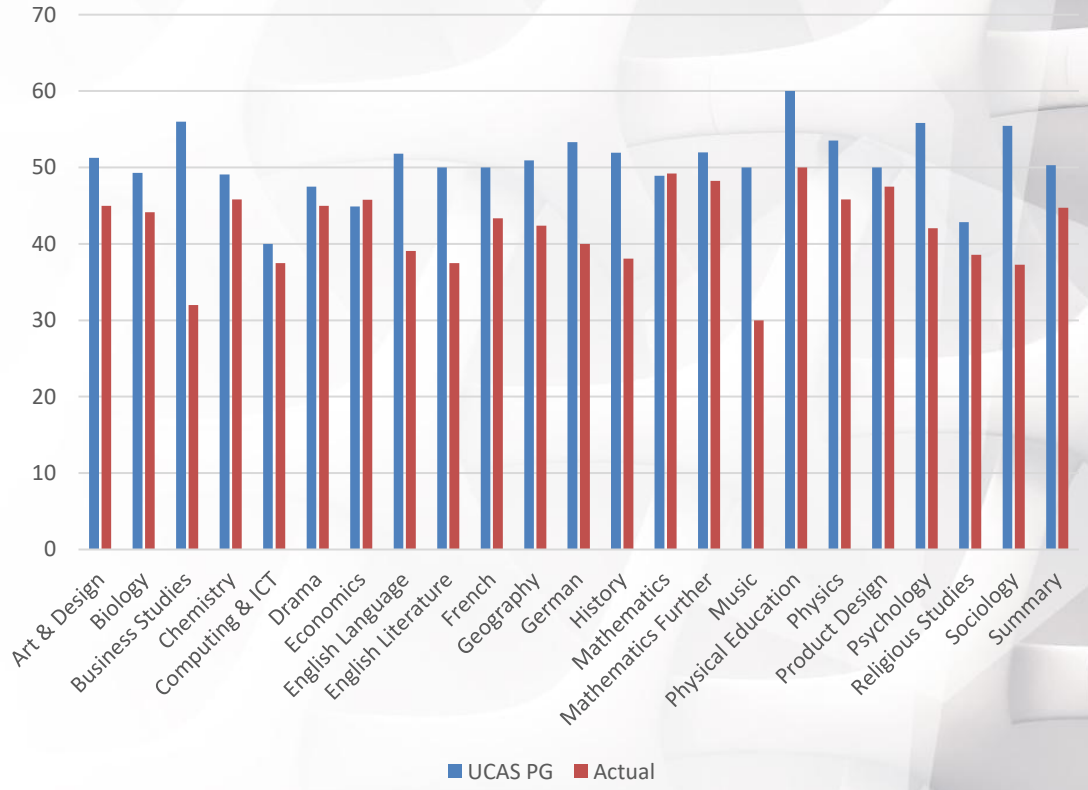
- *'Universities and colleges take much more than just grades into consideration when deciding whether to offer a place – things such as the personal statement, relevant experience, interview performance, your motivation, and commitment to study. They also consider the overall demand for places on the course, and the success of past students who achieved the same A level grades as you are predicted. Remember, this is an **estimate** based solely on past applications from other people studying the same A levels and with the same predicted grades.'*
  Source: ucas.com

- **Our predictions at Langley Grammar School are based on evidence and allow for progress in Y13 and in addition are 'optimistically realistic'**

Inflating Predicted Grades

- Universities have lists of schools who do
- Universities provide fewer offers to institutions that inflate their grades.
- Students receive higher offers that they are likely to achieve on results day.
- ALPS target grades as predictions- do not enable students who have not achieved well at GCSE to show progression in the Sixth Form.

Predicted Grades at Langley Grammar School



How realistically optimistic are we?

In summary in 2026.

We predicted an average point score across the subjects across the cohort of 50.31 (49.86 in 2025) points.

The actual average point score across the subjects across the cohort was 44.74 (45.53 in 2025) points

Our predictions were generous by 5.57 points (4.33 points in 2025),

10 points is a grade = by 0.55 (0.43 in 2025) of a grade.

UCAS References



Section 1- School Context (compulsory)



Section 2- Extenuating circumstances/ support provided at school (optional)



Section 3-,Supportive Academic Information (optional)

Post 18 Pathways

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



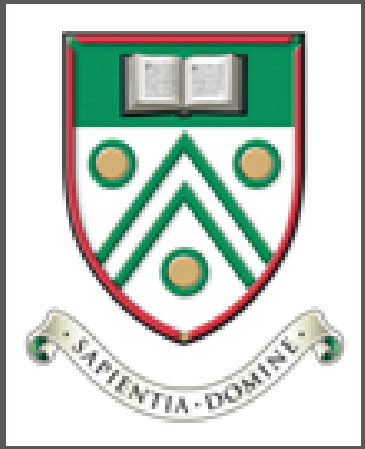
What is happening?

- Supervised Study Report
- Academic Mentoring
- Guidance/ support from subject teachers
- One-to-one personal statement support



Assessment Points

- W/B 21 September- UCAS predicted grades issued
- W/B 15 October- Parent Teacher Consultation 1
- W/B 04 January- Y13 Practice Exams
- Late February- Tutor/Student Reviews
- June- Public Examinations begin
- Thursday 12 August 2027 Results Day



Good attendance is key

- As close to 100% as possible
- Evidence shows poor attendance correlates to poor outcomes. 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
- Unremitting 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



Making progress at A Level
Make it happen!

Remember Year 2 is *harder* than Year 1

- 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
- Use the exam specification as a checklist, Checking their revision against these or PLCs
- Review lesson content afterwards, complete topic past paper questions and read ahead for the next
- Mobile free school. At home, use distraction blocker apps –self/parental control.

Independent Learning



- Take personal responsibility for progress
- Universities want people who have a real interest in studying the subject and can show evidence of this.
- Productive use of the different study spaces
- **Think** about what achieves an A*

Support from home

Personal Organisation	Places to study	Support good working practices
Remove distractions	Are they talking to teachers outside lessons?	Start revision early, this is their independent learning.
What is the plan for UCAS applications?	UCAS website	

How should they organise their time?

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
1							
2				Hwk		10-12 Volunteering	10-12 Psychology
3	Hwk						
4			Hwk		Hwk	1-4 Chem	1-4 Maths
5							
3.15-4.30	Transport home and relaxation time						
4.30-5.30	Homework					6-8 Football	6-8 Chem
6.30-7.30	Psychology	Maths	Chem	Bio	Psychology		
8.00-9.00							

Student Handbook/ iStudiez Pro

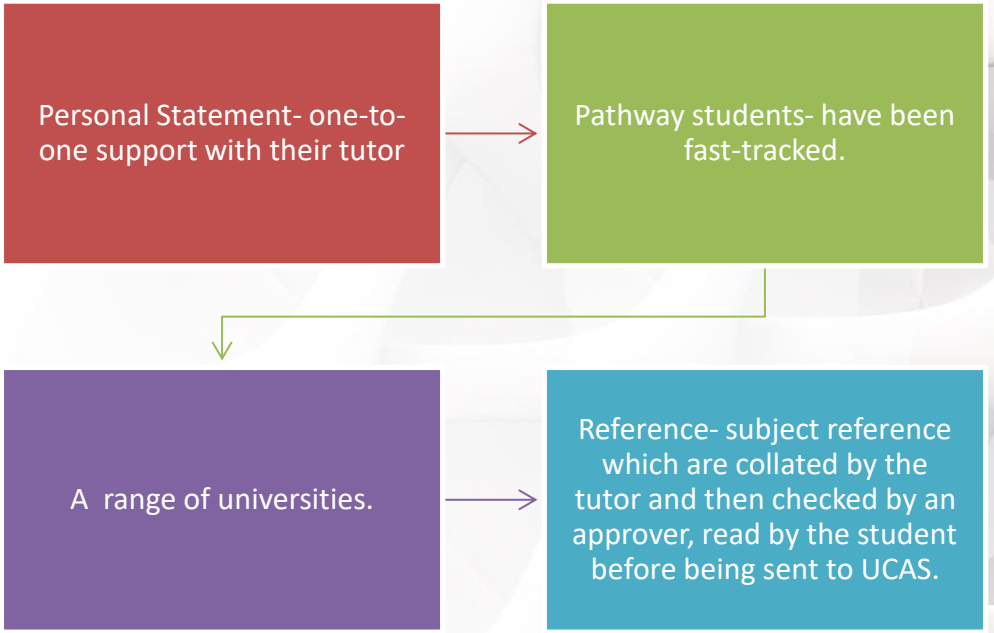
What is the UCAS Process?

- 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- June deadline
- Student finance applied for by May 31 2027
- Results day confirm their option



UCAS

Key elements to the UCAS Application Form



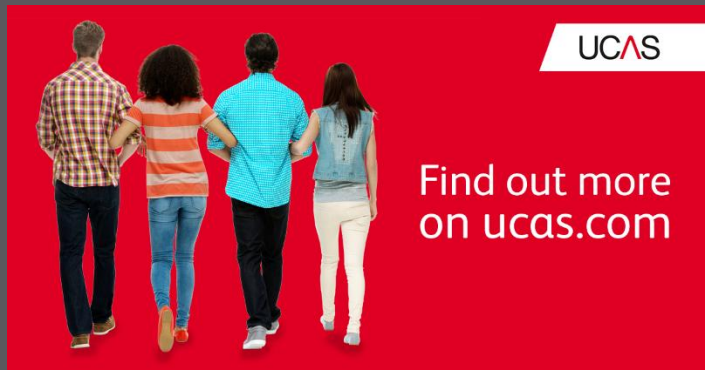
Key UCAS Submission Dates 2026/27

School Deadlines

- Oxbridge, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science by **23 September**
- Other competitive courses (Russell Group universities) by **09 October**
- All other UCAS applications by **6 November**

UCAS Deadlines

- Early Applicants by 18.00 on 15 October
- All others by 18:00 on 13 January 2027



Self Release

If your son/ daughter has an offer in the UCAS cycle

Achieves better grades than this offer

Can phone around as many universities that have places in adjustment.

If students decide they no longer want to go to their insurance choice.

Opt to self release on results day and opt to go through clearing.



What if they do not achieve their offers?

Clearing

- Track delivers the news early on results day.
- Clearing number.
- UCAS website and university websites display vacancies.

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