

EDUCATION MATTERS

ST DAMIAN'S: A CONSISTENTLY HIGH ACHIEVING SCHOOL IN TAMESIDE

Over the past few years, St Damian's GCSE outcomes have been some of the best in Tameside. This year is no exception.

The percentage of pupils achieving Grade 4 or above was 87per cent in English and 83per cent in maths whilst the percentage of pupils achieving Grade 5 or above in English was 68 per cent in both English and maths. These measures are the foundations of future progress and success.

Across a range of subjects including religious education, sciences, triple science, history, geography and languages, St Damian's achieved great exam successes with these subjects all achieving better than expected grades. Within these, many pupils achieved grades 8 and 9. For example, in chemistry 76per cent of pupils entered, achieved a Grade 8 or 9 and in Religious Education,

in which the whole cohort was entered more than 25per cent achieved a Grade 8 or 9. These are outstanding results and all areas of the curriculum broke all previous records. Our vocational subjects, including BTEC PE, ICT, CPLD also excelled in their achievements with many pupils surpassing high targets.

The question for many parents is "Why send my child to St Damian's?"

St Damian's strongly believes that great schools genuinely have children at their heart.

We foster excellent relationships with pupils to ensure pupils become the very best they can be. Importantly, the safety of your child is our number one priority.

As Ofsted said, we are "rigorous in keeping all pupils safe" and are "meticulous in ensuring that pupils receive superb pastoral care".

Our pastoral support is a prime reason for our successes. Believe to Achieve'. This is instilled in all the children from day one. Our excellent Pupil Learning Forum [PLF] ensures that pupil voice has an impact on the quality of learning within school. This forum, led by a range of pupils, develops pupils' leadership skills and confidence. There are already exciting plans for the forthcoming academic year. Our ambitions for your children are limitless and this is supported by a strong and comprehensive careers program which aims to raise aspirations about their futures.

I look forward to meeting you on Monday 1st October at 5:30pm. I will be doing two talks, one at 5:45pm and one at 6:45pm. Furthermore, you are more than welcome to visit the school during the working day to see St Damian's at its very best. Please contact the school for an



appointment.

Finally, we are an ambitious school. Ambitious in the best sense, making sure that YOUR child achieves their potential in all they do. We hope that parents will

continue to support the school and uphold our simple values and rules.

Watch this space for August 2019 where our aim is to be one of the best achieving schools in the country!