



## Key Stage 4 Examination Results 2019

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The BRIT School, Croydon

It has been a great exam season for The BRIT School. Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have received strong vocational and GCSE results today. After so many changes in qualifications, curriculum and how students are graded, we are delighted that BRIT School students can achieve so highly in all subjects. The BRIT School is continuing to narrow the attainment gap between disadvantaged and non-disadvantaged students and their GCSE grades.

**40.3% of all entries are at 9-7 grades or the equivalent**

**91% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE English**

**77% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics**

We are very pleased that our results in Modern Foreign Languages and History are continuing to improve.

Our vocational results are again outstanding. 51% of our Tech Award students gaining a Distinction or Distinction \*. We are however disappointed that Pearson's made the decision after the marking and moderation was completed to alter the grade boundaries for the Tech Award. This has led to a number of students being disappointed today and we have voiced our concerns about the way the awarding body made these significant changes without notification.

Principal Stuart Worden said, "We have always believed that regardless of their backgrounds and social circumstances our students can achieve and do amazing things. These results again prove that."

## **97% OF STUDENTS OVER LAST FIVE YEARS HAVE EITHER GONE ON TO FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AND/OR HIGHER EDUCATION**

The BRIT School in Croydon, founded in 1991 is first and leading free performing and creative arts School in the country.

Since it was set up the School has been very successful in producing students who have excelled across all areas of the creative arts and related media and now work in sectors including fashion, digital, theatre, TV & Film production, app development, graphic design, illustration, music A&R, animation and journalism (see notes).

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NOTES TO EDITORS

### **ABOUT THE BRIT SCHOOL**

#### **Original, responsible, ambitious and free**

The BRIT School is the UK's first and leading free performing & creative arts school for 1,300 young people aged 14 to 19. The School – an exempt charity based in Croydon – invests in the future of the UK's cultural wealth by nurturing young artistic talent from all backgrounds and teaching the skills needed by the rapidly growing creative industries.

We believe in creativity and that young people of all backgrounds should be able to develop their creative talent and craft and make a powerful contribution to society.

BRIT stands for the British Record Industry Trust. Without the generosity of the record industry and funding from the BRIT Awards, the school would never have been built and its superb facilities would never have been installed.

We have two intakes Key Stage 4 (aged 14-16) and Post 16 (aged 16-18)

You can apply for The BRIT School by visiting [www.brit.croydon.sch.uk](http://www.brit.croydon.sch.uk) from September 2019.

### **ABOUT THE CREATIVE ECONOMY IN THE UK**

The creative industries in the UK now contribute £101.5bn to the economy. UK jobs in the creative industries are expected to grow by 5.3% and double the average rate of employment which will increase by 2.5%.

In 28 years, over 9,000 students have been educated at The BRIT School including, amongst many, Adele, Loyle Carner, Jessie J, Katie Melua, Leona Lewis, Rex Orange County, Jade

Bird, Freya Ridings and Kate Nash. In total, students from the School have been responsible for selling over 160m albums, billions of streams, won 12 BRIT Awards, 19 Grammys, 2 BAFTAs, 2 Oscars, a Laurence Olivier Award, a UK Theatre Award and a London Evening Standard Award. Acclaimed band black midi have just been nominated in the prestigious 2019 Mercury Music Prize and have also been nominated at the 2019 AIM Awards along with former students Jade Bird and Freya Ridings and Georgie Smith.

In addition, students including Cush Jumbo (*The Good Wife*), Cleve September (2018 Olivier Award Nominee for *Hamilton*), Tarinn Callender (*Hamilton*), and Tom Holland (*Spiderman*) are among the many who have achieved enormous acclaim on stage and in film.

Dancers from the School are part of the troupe of many of the world's leading modern dance companies including Akram Khan, Pina Bausch Wuppertal, Richard Alston and Matthew Bourne and have recently performed with the Spice Girls at Wembley and Stormzy at Glastonbury.

Graduates have gone into diverse careers including: stage management, technical theatre, recording studio work, film making, songwriting, web design, animation, event management, visual arts and photography.

We have former students working at top companies among them: Apple, BBC, ITV, SYCO, Sony, White Light, PRG Video XL, IMG, Royal Albert Hall, Facebook, Ralph Lauren, National Theatre and Sky.

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