



Dear Parents

The Destination of Leavers 2018

September 2018

After a year which has seen most subjects at GCSE and A Level assessed on a new level and were new courses, we are reflecting on a very good set of results. At A Level, 67% of grades were at A*-B, 43% were at A* or A, and perhaps most impressively, 20% (or 1 in 5 of all grades) were at A*. Our GCSE results were also a cause for celebration with an increase from last year in those attaining A* or A as well as nearly a third of the year group receiving the new highly prized level 9 in at least one subject.

On the reverse of this letter, you will find some graphical information about the course choices and destinations of last year's U6.

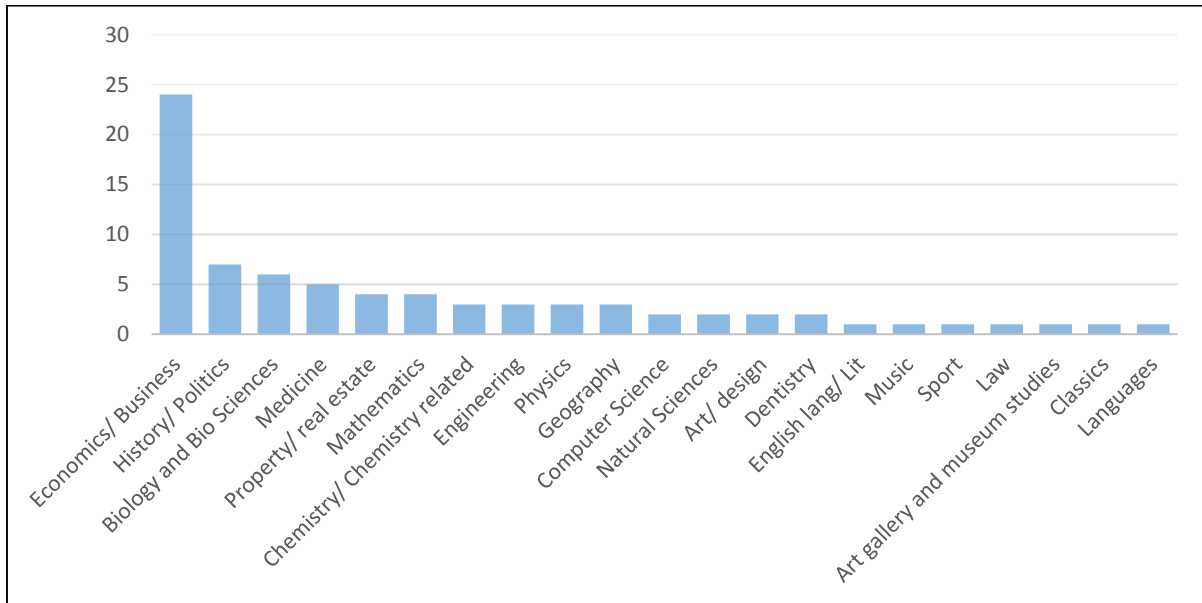
For some, an undergraduate degree may not be the most appropriate choice however, it is the pathway that most of our leavers choose to follow as they look to extend the intellectual challenge that they have become used to here into the subject area in which they are most interested. However, an apprenticeship or a route directly into employment will be better suited to many young people. At Merchant Taylors', we pride ourselves on the support that is given to our Sixth Form boys when considering their next steps. Almost three-quarters of our U6 last year found a place at their firm or insurance choice of university, reflecting the wise decisions they made and sound advice they received. However, we are always here on results day to provide personal support to boys who want to make a different choice. We offered advice about clearing and adjustment on results day and over the ensuing days. With our help, several boys found places to study their chosen course at other institutions and a small number made an application on the day to new courses as they had received better than expected results.

I hope that your sons have been able to make a good start to the academic year. It will be a busy term. Please do take every opportunity to engage and communicate with us be that through Firefly, the Parents' Association, supporting boys in a variety of representative roles (sport, music, drama) or personally. May I remind you that our **Open Evening is on Thursday 11th October, from 5.00pm to 7.00pm** and our **Open Morning is on Saturday 13th October, from 9.00 am until 12.30pm**. I should be grateful if parents would encourage any of their friends who might be interested in the School to visit us then.

Yours sincerely

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Headmaster

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