

The Willink School and Sixth Form: Press Release

A-Level Results 2026 – Thursday 13 August

Vision: “The Willink ensured that all students flourish and achieve their full academic and personal potential. They are confident, respectful and resilient global citizens with the knowledge and skills to be successful in 21st Century.”

Mission: Future global changemakers



Values:

The Willink School is pleased to announce the following Post-16 examination results:

Total Number of Students	97
Percentage Grades A*-A	21%
Percentage A*-B	52%
Percentage A*-C	74%
Percentage A*-E (Pass)	98%
Average points per entry	34.06

The Willink School and Sixth Form is also delighted to celebrate the following Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) Results:

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A*-A	52.0
A*-B	82.0
A*-C	88.0
A*-E	100.0

At A Level, particular successes were achieved by:

Student	Results	Destination	Course
Thomas M	A*A*A*A*	University of Cambridge	Engineering
Thomas L	A*A*A* & A	University of Nottingham	Veterinary Science & Surgery
Jeffrey S	A*A*A* & A*	University of Southampton	Software Engineering
Oliver H	A*A*A* & A*	University of Southampton	Physics
Reuben K	A*A*A & A*	University of Warwick	Mathematics, Operational Research, Statistics (MORSE)
Howard L	AAA* & B	University of Bath	Politics and International Relations
Joshua L	AAA & A	University of Southampton	Software Engineering
Lilia H	A*AA	University of Southampton	Medical Engineering
Thomas W	AAAC	University of Southampton	Aeronautics and Astronautics
Ann C	A*BBB	Mary Lyon Centre at MRC Harwell	Level 3 Apprenticeship
Adam N	AAB	Bradford University	Physiotherapy
Thomas L	AAB	University of Southampton	Maritime Engineering (with Placement Year)
Micah H	AAB	University of Bath	Business (with Work Placement)
Beth C	AAB	Cardiff University	English Language & Linguistics
Lauren S	AAB	Gap Year	
Benji C	A*AB	University of Exeter	Mathematics (With Study Abroad)
Kirill A	A*BDD	University of Southampton	Computer Science
Molly Y	A*BB	University of Exeter	Media and Communications
George T	ABB	Cardiff University	Physiotherapy

Sam S	ABB & B	University of Birmingham	Geography (With International Year)
Glenn G	ABB	University of Manchester	Business Management

(&)= Extended Project Qualification

Students who achieved particular successes which included Level 3 Vocational courses, particular successes were achieved by:

Student	Results	Destination	Course
Eva M	AC A*	University of Southampton	Business with Marketing
Charlie P	A*C & Distinction	Loughborough University	Marketing with Placement Year
Laila R	A* BB	Gap Year	
Brandon M-C	A BC	University of Bath	Criminology (With professional placement)
Alexa B	ABC	Oxford Brooks University	Paramedic Science
Sophie J	BC & Distinction	Gap Year	

The Willink celebrates exceptional results and its future global changemakers:

Students and staff at The Willink School and Sixth Form are celebrating an exceptional set of A Level and vocational results today, as Year 13 students prepare to take their next steps into universities, apprenticeships and employment.

Across 257 A Level entries, *more than half of all grades were awarded at A-B (52%), with more than one in five at A*-A (21%) and almost three quarters at A*-C (74%).*

Students completing the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) also achieved outstanding results, with *52% of grades at A-A, 82% at A-B* and a 100% pass rate. Vocational students are also celebrating excellent outcomes, where almost two thirds of outcomes were awarded at Distinction and every student achieved a Pass or higher.

The results have enabled students to progress to an exciting and diverse range of destinations. These include some of the country's most prestigious universities and highly competitive courses, with students taking up places at Cambridge, Bath, Warwick, Nottingham, Southampton, Loughborough, Birmingham, Manchester, Cardiff and Exeter amongst others.

Individual successes include *four A grades for a student progressing to the University of Cambridge to study Engineering**, alongside destinations including Veterinary Science and Surgery at Nottingham, Aeronautics and Astronautics at Southampton, Mathematics at Warwick, Physics, Computer Science, Software Engineering, Physiotherapy, Business and a wide range of other disciplines.

Headteacher Nicolle Browning said:

“There is so much to celebrate today. Of course, we are exceptionally proud of these results and of seeing our students progress to some of the country’s most competitive universities, courses and other destinations. But what makes me equally proud is the young people and leaders they have become.”

As a thriving community Sixth Form, The Willink combines high academic expectations and a diverse curriculum with personalised support, extensive enrichment opportunities and a strong focus on developing leadership.

Ms Browning continued:

“We are small enough to know our students exceptionally well, but large enough to offer real diversity of experience, opportunity and ambition. That combination is incredibly powerful and is at the heart of why we are such a successful and ambitious Sixth Form.”

“One of the things I am particularly proud of is the trust that exists between our students and staff. Our students have trusted the expertise of their teachers and the guidance they have been given. They have listened, allowed themselves to be challenged and worked incredibly hard. In return, our staff know these young people as individuals – their strengths, their aspirations and what they need to flourish. These results are a wonderful reflection of that partnership.”

Alongside academic and vocational achievement, The Willink Sixth Form places a deliberate emphasis on developing leadership, character and a commitment to others. Students are encouraged to understand that leadership is not simply about holding a title, but about having the confidence to step forward, work collaboratively, take responsibility and use their influence positively.

This year’s students have demonstrated those qualities throughout their Sixth Form experience. They have volunteered within the local community, including supporting schools working with children and young people with SEND; completed the Duke of Edinburgh’s Award; participated in an extensive programme of trips, visits and enrichment; raised funds for organisations they have chosen to support; and contributed their time and talents to the school and wider community.

“Excellent qualifications open doors, but character, confidence and leadership help determine what young people do when they walk through them. We want our students to leave us ambitious for themselves, but also understanding the contribution they can make to others.”

The Willink is proud to describe itself as a “village school with a global outlook”, and Ms Browning believes this year’s departing students epitomise that ambition.

“For us, ‘village school with a global outlook’ is much more than a motto. These are young people who have volunteered and made a difference within their local community while developing the confidence and ambition to take their next steps into leading universities, apprenticeships, professions and workplaces. They understand where they come from, but there should be no limit on where they can go.”

Dr Rees, Head of Sixth Form said:

“We often talk about our students as our future global changemakers. Looking at them today, rightly celebrating everything they have achieved, I feel enormously hopeful about the future. They are talented, thoughtful, resilient and socially responsible young adults who will go on to shape their professions, their communities and the wider world. Our future will quite literally be shaped by young people like them.”

Ms Browning also paid tribute to the staff and families who have supported students throughout their Sixth Form journey.

“Results like these don’t happen in isolation. They represent years of hard work from our students, the expertise, care and unwavering belief of our staff, and the support of families who have worked in partnership with us throughout their children’s education.”

“Today belongs to our students. We could not be prouder of them – not only for what they have achieved, but for who they have become and everything we know they are capable of achieving next.”

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