

Class of 2026 Celebrates GCSE Success as Walton High Brooklands Looks to a New Future

We have many reasons to celebrate the Class of 2026. As students collect their GCSE results today, they do so as one of the most significant cohorts in the story of Walton High Brooklands.

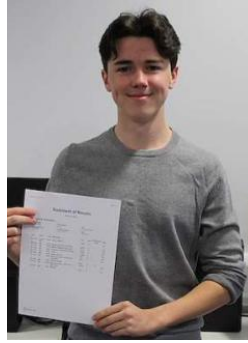
This year group has experienced a remarkable educational journey. They lost much of their Year 6 experience and the traditional end to primary school as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. They then became the first students to join Walton High under Mr Bennett's leadership, embarking on a new chapter both for themselves and for the school. They have grown alongside the school during a period of significant change.



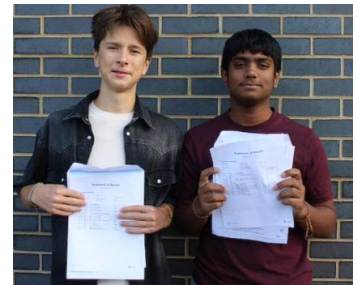
Five years later, they now reach another historic milestone. The Class of 2026 are the final students to receive GCSE results as Walton High Brooklands students before the launch of Brooklands Academy in September 2026. For many students, today is not the end of their journey with us. A large number will remain at Brooklands Academy in September, becoming the first Post 16 cohort and helping to shape the next chapter in our school's history.

Academic excellence was evident across the curriculum, with particularly strong performances in the sciences and mathematics, where over a third of grades achieved were at Grades 7-9. Geography, Computer Science and English also delivered strong outcomes, highlighting the breadth of success across the Brooklands cohort and the commitment shown by students and staff alike.

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of students across the cohort. Among the many outstanding performances, **Jason** achieved an exceptional set of results including eight Grade 9s, one Grade 8 and one Grade 7. **Jeffrey** and **Rory** each secured six Grade 9s, three Grade 8s and one Grade 7, whilst **Christos** achieved two Grade 9s, six Grade 8s and two Grade 7s.



Abirman achieved three Grade 9s, six Grade 8s and a Distinction*, whilst **Jack** secured one Grade 9, five Grade 8s and three Grade 7s. **Misha** achieved two Grade 9s, one Grade 8 and six Grade 7s, while **Matthew** secured one Grade 9, seven Grade 8s and one Grade 7.



Carlos achieved three Grade 9s, four Grade 7s and three Grade 6s, whilst **Tyler-Elizabeth** secured two Grade 9s, four Grade 8s and three Grade 7s. These achievements reflect the hard work, determination and commitment shown by students throughout their time at Walton High Brooklands.

Whilst we celebrate these exceptional results, we are equally proud of every student whose achievements reflect perseverance, character and personal growth. Alongside their achievements, this year group will be remembered for their strong sense of loyalty to one another, their incredible energy and enthusiasm, and their collective humour. They have embraced opportunities across the curriculum and beyond, contributing to student leadership, sport, performing arts, enrichment activities and the wider life of the school community. It has been a genuine pleasure to watch them enjoy the milestones and traditions that mark the end of secondary education. They have thrown themselves wholeheartedly into their final World Book Day, prom-posals, celebrations and even the last game of football with Mr Bennett. Their joy in these moments has been truly infectious and has helped make them a truly memorable cohort.



Many students will continue their journey with us in September as members of the first Post 16 cohort of Brooklands Academy, helping to establish the next era of our school community. Whether they remain

with us or pursue opportunities elsewhere, we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and excited to see what the future holds.

'They have helped shape Walton High's legacy and will help define Brooklands Academy's future.'