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GCSE RESULTS 2026

WESTHOLME SCHOOL

“ THEIR STRONG
WORK ETHIC AND
COMMITMENT TO
LEARNING HAS
PAID OFF ”

MR P TAYLOR, PRINCIPAL

45%

ENTRIES ACHIEVED

GRADES 7-9

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

CONGRATULATIONS FROM MR TAYLOR

Dear Westholme Families,

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who received their GCSE results this week. The hard work has paid off! Of all the life lessons that we want to emphasise at Westholme, the value of hard work for now and for later is close to the top of the list.

Results have improved again at our key performance indicators in comparison to 2025: 45% of all entries have been awarded the top 9-7 grades (versus 39% in 2025) and 67% graded at 9-6 (versus 58% last year).

Our students coped admirably with the demands of their first public examinations. The building blocks for future success are firmly in place and we expect our students to thrive in the Sixth Form in their chosen A Levels and Level 3 BTECs. What lies ahead will bring its challenges, but will also be far more exciting than what came before as university and career choices become priorities over the coming 12 months.

As last week with our stunning A Level results, I would also like to pay testament to my colleagues who have taught and guided this cohort through their time at Westholme. The care that students receive from Reception class to Year 13 is exceptional, and all our staff will be so proud of these results.

To our Year 11s, today is a day to be proud of what you have achieved. Your GCSE results are the outcome of years of hard work, perseverance, resilience and determination, and you should take great pride in the effort you have put in.

But remember this: your results are a measure of what you achieved in a set of examinations on particular days; they are not a measure of your worth, your character or your potential.



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Grades matter, and they open doors, but they do not define where those doors will ultimately lead. What will matter far more over the years ahead is your curiosity, your kindness, your courage, your ability to learn from setbacks, and your willingness to work hard for the things that matter to you.

So celebrate. Be proud of yourselves and grateful to those who have supported you. And then look forward. Your GCSEs are not the end of your story: they are simply the end of this chapter.

Finally, to our loyal and supportive parents, thank you. Our partnership is the foundation of our students' successes. Parenting adolescents is one of the hardest jobs around so well done: you have survived the GCSE years!

Best wishes,

Paul Taylor
Principal

ISABELLE'S SEVEN 9S SPARK PSYCHOLOGY AMBITION

Isabelle achieved an outstanding seven grade 9s in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, History, Music, English Language and English Literature, plus 8s in Maths and Spanish.



She will study Psychology, Biology and English Language at A Level, with a career in Psychology firmly in sight. She is fascinated by the reasons behind people's behaviour.

Isabelle also embraced Music, Drama, swimming and Netball. She credits Westholme's teachers and revision clinics for her success and says the school's supportive atmosphere is what she values most.

“ THE RESULTS REFLECT HOW MUCH PEOPLE HAVE HELPED. THE TEACHERS ARE ALWAYS THERE, AND THE REVISION CLINICS WERE A LIFESAVER. ”

ELIZABETH'S TOP GRADES STRIKE THE RIGHT NOTE

Elizabeth achieved four 9s, three 8s and two 7s, including top grades in English Language, English Literature, Biology and History.



She hopes to study English Literature, Chemistry and History at Westholme Sixth Form, with a possible career in law.

Beyond the classroom, Elizabeth progressed from learning flute in Year 8 to performing with the school orchestra at carol services and concerts. Trips to New York and Italy were among her favourite Westholme memories.

“ I AM DELIGHTED AND OVERWHELMED BY THE RESULTS. ”

JUDE'S TOP GRADES PAVE THE WAY TO LAW

Jude is celebrating an excellent set of GCSEs, led by 9s in History, English Literature and Chemistry. He also achieved 8s in English Language, Geography, Biology and Physics, and 7s in Maths and Business.

A keen footballer since the age of four, Jude represented Westholme and trained with Blackburn Rovers and Accrington Stanley development teams. A sports tour to Madrid was a highlight. He will now take broad A Levels, including Geography and Economics, before pursuing a career in law.



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THE RESULTS EXCEEDED MY EXPECTATIONS, AND I AM ESPECIALLY PROUD OF HISTORY AND ENGLISH LITERATURE.

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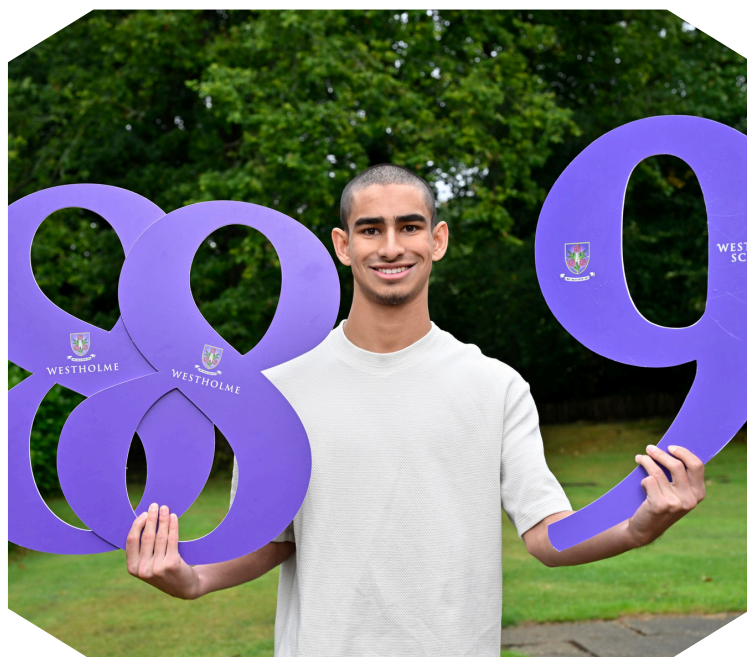
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8 OCTOBER 2026, 5PM - 7PM

ISMAEL HITS THE BACK OF THE NET WITH GCSE RESULTS

Ismael has matched strong GCSE results with standout sporting success. Having joined Westholme aged three, he earned a 9 in English Literature, 8s in Science, German, Spanish, PE and English Language, and 7s in Maths and History.

A central midfielder, he captained Westholme's football team and several other school sides, and was repeatedly named Player of the Year. He also trained with Blackburn Rovers and Accrington Stanley development centres and represented the Blackburn with Darwen Schools District team.

Ismael will stay at Westholme Sixth Form to study English Language, Psychology, Spanish and Sport, while pursuing his ambition of a career in football and helping others.



"I AM DELIGHTED THAT ALL THE HARD WORK HAS PAID OFF."



MARY'S RESULTS WOVEN INTO SUCCESS

Mary achieved six 8s and three 7s, including 8s in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English Language, English Literature and Textiles. She said: "I am delighted and pleasantly surprised by the results."

She was especially proud of her 7 in Design and Technology and is considering a creative career. A Year 10 trip to Rome - and seeing its famous landmarks - was her favourite Westholme memory.

SAM DESIGNS HIS NEXT STEP AFTER GCSE SUCCESS

Aspiring architect Sam achieved a 9, two 8s, a 7 and four 6s in his GCSEs. He was especially pleased to exceed expectations in Religious Studies and English Language.

"I am very pleased with my results. They mean I can now focus on the subjects I most enjoy at Sixth Form," he said.

Sam will study Maths, Art and German at A Level. Already fluent in German, he hopes future visits will strengthen his language skills and deepen his interest in the country's architecture.



"I'M REALLY HAPPY WITH WHAT I'VE GOT. IT MEANS I CAN NOW GO ON AND DO WHAT I LOVE MOST AT SIXTH FORM."

HOLLY'S TOP GRADES FUEL GREEN AMBITIONS

Aspiring environmental scientist Holly achieved four 9s and five 8s. She will study Chemistry, Geography and Biology at Westholme Sixth Form, having achieved a 9 and two 8s respectively in her chosen subjects.

Holly also channelled her creativity through piano and school productions. Performing on stage was a highlight of a Westholme experience that helped her balance scientific ambition with the arts.



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ACHIEVING A 9 AFTER COMING SO CLOSE IN MY MOCKS IS PARTICULARLY REWARDING. I AM VERY PROUD OF THE RESULT

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LUCY AND SOPHIE SET THEIR SIGHTS ON SCIENCE

Lucy and Sophie are moving into Westholme Sixth Form after strong GCSE results. Lucy achieved three 8s and two 7s; Sophie earned two 9s and four 8s.

Lucy will study Biology, Geography and Business as she explores Medical Science. Her Duke of Edinburgh volunteering at Westholme Prep strengthened her confidence and communication skills.

“VOLUNTEERING AT PREP HAS HAD A BIG IMPACT ON MY SCHOOLWORK AND I’M REALLY PROUD OF WHAT I’VE ACHIEVED.”



Sophie, who earned 9s in Geography and Food Technology, will take Chemistry, Biology, Spanish and English Literature. She said Westholme had let her enjoy Netball and Hockey while developing her love of Science.



“BEING AT WESTHOLME HAS GIVEN ME THE CHANCE TO EXPLORE MY HOBBIES ALONGSIDE MY LEARNING.”



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CHLOE TURNS TOP GRADES INTO BUSINESS AMBITION

Budding businesswoman Chloe achieved 9s in English Language, English Literature and Geography. She will stay at Westholme Sixth Form to study Geography, English Language and Business.

Chloe credits her time at Westholme with helping to build both her grades and her confidence.

A keen problem-solver and member of the school swimming team, Chloe wants a business career where she can make a difference. She says Westholme's family atmosphere has made the past three years the best of her life.

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SEEING THE GRADE 9S WAS A WONDERFUL SURPRISE. I AM DELIGHTED WITH THE RESULTS.

JACOB MOVES CLOSER TO A VETERINARY CAREER

Aspiring vet Jacob achieved a strong set of GCSEs, including double 8 in Combined Science. He will study Biology, Chemistry and English Literature at Westholme Sixth Form.



A lifelong love of animals - especially cats - drives his ambition. "I worked consistently and revised thoroughly. Knowing I needed strong results to study these subjects at A Level gave me extra motivation," he said.

Results brought relief after an anxious morning. Jacob says the support of friends and teachers has been the highlight of his Westholme experience.



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Thursday 17 September 2026

17:00 – 20:00

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DOUBLE THE DOSE OF INCREDIBLE RESULTS!

Twins Lisara and Akitha are celebrating strong GCSE results and preparing for science-focused A Levels. The 16-year-olds joined Westholme in Year 6.

Lisara achieved four 8s, including Biology and Chemistry, plus four 7s. She will study Chemistry, Biology, Psychology and Maths, with the goal of becoming a doctor.

Lisara said: "Westholme felt like a family from my first day." Akitha will remember PE, football and time with friends: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Westholme. The teachers, students and lessons have all made it a memorable experience."

Akitha earned 8s in Chemistry, Physics and Religious Studies, alongside 7s in Maths, Biology and English Language. He will take Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Physics and is also considering medicine.

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FROM MY FIRST
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HARRY ENGINEERS HIS NEXT STEP

Harry achieved a 9 and four 8s, led by a 9 in Maths and 8s in Advanced Maths and Double Science. He also earned 7s in Latin and Spanish and 6s in English Language and English Literature.

Harry was especially proud of improving his Advanced Maths result. "I am delighted with my results, particularly the improvement in Advanced Maths," he said.

Harry will now pursue Maths and Physics-focused A Levels as he works towards a career in engineering - a long-term passion he is excited to explore.



“ I’M LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING THE NEXT STEP. ”

JESSICA SHINES ON STAGE AND IN THE CLASSROOM

Aspiring lawyer Jessica combined outstanding GCSE results with a passion for performance. She earned 9s in English Language, English Literature and Drama, plus two 8s in Science, an 8 in Art and an 8 in History.

Jessica completed LAMDA exams and became a National Youth Theatre member after being selected for a summer course aged 14. She now plans to study English Literature, Sociology and Ancient History at A Level, with law as her main ambition and screen acting another possibility.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

AND GOOD LUCK TO WESTHOLME'S CLASS OF 2026



VEDANSH CELEBRATES RESULTS AND MEDICINE GOAL

Vedansh achieved a 9 in Geography, four 8s - including Biology, Chemistry and Physics - and two 7s.

Inspired by relatives and family friends in healthcare, he has long set his sights on medicine. His father's anatomy books first sparked his interest in the profession.

After representing Westholme in swimming, football and cricket, Vedansh names the Year 11 trip to New York as his favourite memory. He will now study Chemistry, Biology and Geography at A Level.

“ I WAS DELIGHTED AND RELIEVED WHEN THE WAIT FOR RESULTS WAS OVER. ”



HENRY'S GRADE 9 DRIVES FINANCE AMBITION

Henry is celebrating GCSE grades across the 9, 8 and 7 range. He was proudest of his 9 in English Literature, a leap from a 7 in his mocks.

A former house captain, he also represented Westholme in tennis and enjoys golf. His favourite memory was the 2025 New York trip, particularly an ice hockey game. He will study Maths, Economics and Spanish at A Level before aiming for a career in finance.

“ I WORKED VERY HARD, SO I WAS DELIGHTED TO SEE THAT EFFORT REFLECTED IN MY RESULTS. ”



MAGGIE'S GRADES STEAL THE SPOTLIGHT

Maggie is taking centre stage after earning a Performing Arts scholarship to Westholme Sixth Form. She achieved 9s in English Language and Performing Arts, plus 8s in English Literature, Religious Studies and Spanish.

"I am delighted with my results, which exceeded my expectations," she said. Performing in school productions, including playing Roxy in Chicago, has been a highlight of her time at Westholme.



Maggie will continue Performing Arts alongside Spanish and Ethics, Philosophy and Religion, while also exploring photography and photo editing.

BYRON SCORES TOP MARKS ON AND OFF THE PITCH

Byron proved as strong in the classroom as on the pitch, earning a 9 in English Language, 8s in Chemistry, English Literature and Physics, and five 7s. He was proudest of Maths: "I was concerned about Maths, so I am especially proud of that result."

He plans to study science at A Level, with Maths also under consideration, while keeping his career options open.



Football, tennis and teamwork have shaped Byron's Westholme experience. His standout memory is the Madrid sports tour, where he played football at Atletico Madrid's training camp.



FINAL WORDS FROM OUR HEADS OF YEAR 11

We are delighted to celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 students and congratulate them on their GCSE results this week.

The commitment, determination and perseverance they have shown throughout the year have been truly admirable. They have worked exceptionally hard, overcome challenges and demonstrated a real strength of character. They should feel extremely proud of everything they have accomplished.

It has been a pleasure and a privilege to watch this group of young people develop during their time at Westholme. They have grown not only in their academic abilities, but also in confidence, maturity and ambition, and they are now well prepared to take the next exciting steps in their lives.

We wish each student every success and happiness as they progress to Sixth Form, apprenticeships or whichever path they choose to follow. They have a bright future ahead of them, and we cannot wait to see what they achieve next.

Mr Kenyon and Mrs Rigby
Heads of Year 11



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