GCSE results day — 23rd August
Teachers have very good relationships with their classes, both in the main school and in the sixth form. Classrooms exude a positive atmosphere.

Teachers display good and sometimes excellent subject knowledge, often supplemented by a thorough understanding of examination syllabuses and mark schemes. They explain new ideas clearly to pupils and, when appropriate, how pupils can obtain the best marks in examinations.

Teachers set high standards for their pupils and expect them to present work neatly. In some subjects, such as art and photography, outstanding examples of work by past pupils model the standards required and inspire the current generation of learners. This provides an additional incentive for the most-able pupils to reach their potential.
The school’s curriculum is broad at Key Stage 4, providing a good range of subjects. It includes a land-based science course which meets both local employment opportunities and the aspirations of pupils and parents. Learners who enter the sixth form can choose from a wide range of academic courses and a few vocational courses offered to meet learners’ aspirations. The school provides a good range of extra-curricular activities, especially in sport and the arts.

The school promotes pupils’ spiritual, moral, social and cultural development effectively through taught lessons, through a comprehensive programme of assemblies and through the use of tutor time. Some pupils and some learners on 16 to 19 study programmes told inspectors that they would like to be further prepared to take up their places in British society. The school has recently introduced a ‘Respect’ programme to ensure that pupils are fully aware of the range of cultures and identities in modern Britain.
Performance in the Arts
Future Intentions 2019

Progress, Opportunity, Individuality
Thomas Alleyne’s High School: ‘The highest performing school in its community’
Our Core Principles

- Progress
- Opportunity
- Individuality
• According to the Ofsted Inspection Data Dashboard Thomas Alleyne’s High School were placed in the 20% for progress across all subjects with the Maths department being placed in the top 10% of schools nationally.
• In 2018 the school was the 4th highest performing school across Staffordshire and Derbyshire.
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The English Baccalaureate includes: English, maths and science plus history or geography and a language (French). This ensures breadth and balance.

These are the subjects which open more doors to more degrees, according to the Russell Group.

A recent Sutton Trust study found that students were more likely to achieve good English and maths GCSEs, more likely to take an A level, or an equivalent level 3 qualification, and more likely to stay in post-16 education, in schools where the ebacc was followed.

One of the few schools in Staffordshire to offer students the opportunity to study such a broad choice of subjects.
Why Choose a Language?

- English is not enough! Not everyone speaks or wants to speak English.
- Being able to speak a language will make you really stand out.
- A language will always be useful, no matter what you do.
- They’re good for you! Speaking more than one language increases your brain capacity and improves your memory.
- Using a language at work could raise your salary from 8-20%.
- Learning languages really improves your communication skills.
- You get to study a wide range of topics all about different people and cultures, not just how to speak.
- You can read books, watch films and listen to songs in their native language - and understand them too!
- It’s really impressive to be able to speak a foreign language. It's a real achievement that your friends will envy and employers will love!
- You can understand and talk to lots more people when you go abroad.
Students will have the opportunity to study 4 of the following:

- Triple Science
- French
- Child Development
- Health and Social Care
- Animal Care
- Physical Education
- ICT
- Computer Science
- Food and Nutrition
- Art Design
- Business
- Design Technology
- Geography
- History
- Music
- Drama
Students should think carefully about their future. The key is to choose a set of subjects which will offer a broad and balanced range.

Students must choose 8 subjects in order of preference and they will be allocated of 4 these choices.

Triple science students will need to list triple science as their second preference.

Students will only be allowed to chose DT Graphics or DT Resistant Materials.

It is highly recommended that students need a target grade of 5 to do Computer Science.
How to apply

- All applications must be made through INSIGHT from Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} February. The deadline for applications is Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} February 2019
- Once the groups have been decided, these are set for the 2 years
How do I complete the Yr9 Options form?

1. Log on to Insight as a student
2. Click on General at the top of the screen
3. Click on GCSE Options Page 2019
4. Complete the form and submit
GCSE preference list for Year 9 students at Thomas Alleyne's

You will use this method to select your preference choice for GCSE's. Use the Options Booklet that you have received to assist with your preference choice.

Enter Your Name *

First Name

Last Name

Guidelines

Preference subjects are divided into eight groups/lists: you must choose one subject from each of the eight lists below. Ensure you have not selected the same subject twice. Also note, you may select D&T Graphics and D&T Resistant Materials however, you will only be offered one of these subjects. See example’s below:

From Preference List 1 You can select Computing, French, Geography & History. Select your option choice subject from the drop down list.

From Preference List 2 If you are a Triple Scientist you must choose Triple Science from Option list 2. Otherwise, you can select any other choice.

From Preference Lists 3 to 8 Select one option choice from options lists three to eight.

Enter Your Form Registration Class *

Form

Form Tutor Name

Preference List 1 - Choose one option only from the list

Preference List 1 -
Key Dates

- February 14th: Y9 Parents’ Evening
- February 15th: Options form available on Insight
- February 27th: Options application deadline