

The Willink School is a comprehensive 11-18 village school with 1017 students, proud of its heritage as a Language College. This tradition continues through our status as an International School, as a centre for excellence in language teaching, and our charity work at home and abroad.

At A level, our results are above local school and college averages and every year the Willink sends approximately 75% of the cohort to University with a large contingent (this year upwards of 25%) going to Russell Group universities and in September 2015 a record number of students began their studies at Oxford and Cambridge.

Students are offered a range of academic qualifications at Level 3 including:

Art, Biology, Business Studies, Chemistry, Design and Technology, Drama, English Literature, French, Geography, German, History, ICT, Maths, Further Maths, Media, Music, Music Technology, Philosophy and Ethics, Physical Education, Physics, Psychology, Sociology, Spanish

and Applied Science BTEC.

The courses we offer complement and build on the knowledge and skills acquired during KS3 and 4 and facilitate progress into higher education and employment. Qualifications match the specialisms of our staff and provide for our students who achieve 5A*-C at GCSE. We recognise that students not achieving these results are often better suited by vocational courses which we do not have the expertise to provide, though we have offered a number of vocational opportunities (including Performing Arts and BTEC Sport) which have not been popular among the cohort.

Students in the current year 13 (81 students) were encouraged to start 4 courses, with the majority dropping to 3 A levels in yr13. Class sizes are generally small, ranging from 6-24 at AS level and AS exams are still offered in most subjects, though students are given the choice of opting in or out of this exam in yr12 in reformed subjects.

Predicted grades are therefore based on a mixture of actual AS results, internal assessments and mock examinations (which take place in September, December, January and March) and the quality of students' work throughout the course. Professional predictions are highly accurate at A Level across the curriculum and guidance is sound meaning 98% of students took up courses at their Universities of choice in September 2016.