

Learning Zone

Many wonderful achievements in a year of change

In a year of change and unpredictability, this year's leavers at Bartley Green School have achieved some wonderful results in their GCSE examinations.

The school, categorised as "Outstanding" by Ofsted since 2005, has much to be pleased about with the latest crop of results.

"With all the changes within the examination system, it has been a tough year for pupils, parents and staff," said head teacher Jane Chan. "I am delighted with the resilience shown by all parties and, as a result, we have some very happy young people leaving us to go to the placement of their choice."

"It is so wonderful that such a substantial number of pupils not only have reached the top grades in the old style grading system (A* and A) they have also reached the new Grade 8 and 9s."

"In fact, one of our pupils, Kai Cooper, is one of the very small group in the country to achieve all

AT A GLANCE

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A* or Grade 9 in his examinations. A huge well done to Kai and all the other pupils who we are extremely proud of, including the 10 per cent of Year 11 who achieved five or more A*-A grades.

"As you can imagine we have had some very happy pupils."

Bartley Green School once again had many pupils achieving results which stand up against the very

best achieved across the country, for example:

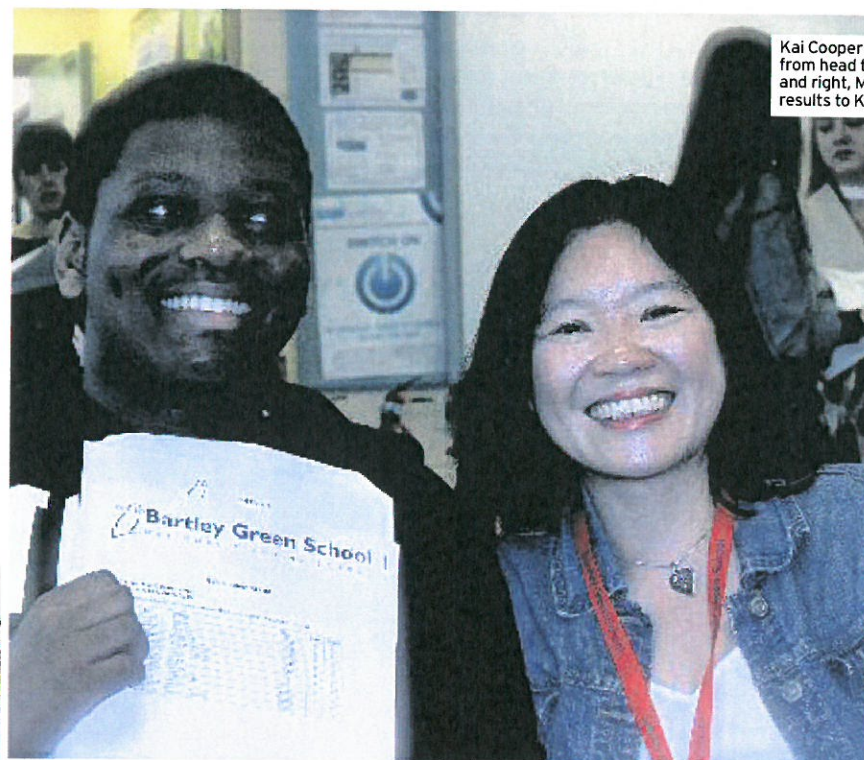
■ Kai Cooper and Karambir Shergill achieved Grade 9 in English language, English literature and mathematics – only 2,000 pupils out of half-a-million achieved this nationally – a superb performance which was supported by a further seven A* grades for Kai and six A* for Karambir.

■ Megan Courtney-Jones achieved a Grade 9 in English literature amongst her total of 10 A*-A grades and Rebekah Henry achieved two Grade 9s, one Grade 6 and a Grade A.

"The school's results are really pleasing and our pupils have done well to maintain their standards in the face of new examinations," said deputy head teacher Sarah Dawson.

"The 2017 leavers have worked very well with the wonderful staff we have here to ensure that they did their very best. On the whole people are leaving very happy."

Pupils arriving for the Leavers' Prom



Kai Cooper receiving the good news from head teacher Mrs Jane Chan and right, Mrs Chan delivering GCSE results to Karambir Shergill



Excellence in and out of school

WITH the government's agenda for increased competition in school sports in all areas, many non-examined activities seem to be falling along the wayside in our schools. However, one outstanding school in Birmingham is bucking that trend.

Bartley Green school remains committed to a broad and balanced curriculum, including: PSHE, Aim Higher events, trips, clubs and sports.

"Secondary school is very much about new opportunities, we try to promote a 'give it a go' philosophy," said assistant head teacher Lee Egerton. "There is so much to get involved in and we are determined to provide a rounded education and not just act as a results factory. This year's summer school for Year 6 was a good example. It gave the young people a chance to nurture their talents, meet new people and get settled into their new environment."

One area in which Bartley Green is clearly stepping up to the mark is sports where the school's success in 2016-7 can be clearly seen across a wide range of sports:

■ Tom Solanke - England football U16 national call-up.
■ Kayleigh Lockwood - 2017 dance world champion.
■ Asha Gurung - selected to represent Team GB at the World Freestyle Canoe Championship.



Kayleigh Lockwood, dance world champion, and right, Tom Solanke, England under-16 footballer



■ Chloe Petit - West Midlands 800m champion.
■ Year 7 Girls - Birmingham Schools Novice gymnastics competition - gold medallists.
■ Year 11 - Birmingham Schools Main gymnastics competition - bronze medallists.
■ Year 7/8 - University of Birmingham seven-a-side football - girls champions.
■ Year 11 - South Birmingham

Football Cup winners.
■ Year 10 - Kings Norton and District Football Cup finalists
■ Taylor Townsend - Football scholarship for Wolves U18s.
■ Year 7 basketball - South Birmingham League winners and City of Birmingham Championship winners.
■ Seven Bartley pupils were selected to compete for South Birmingham Schools at the West Midlands

Championships at the Alexander Stadium. "It is great to see our young people excelling and performing so well," said senior deputy head teacher Dave Clayton. "It brings with it a sense of pride and achievement. We have had wonderful individual success stories. Kayleigh, Asha and Tom stand out as the very best in their chosen field and have had great success. We are immensely proud of

them and their determination to be the very best.

"We also have had team success in a wide range of sports. This in turn leads to many, many, youngsters giving clubs and sports a go and this helps them to develop character and teamwork. The most pleasing aspect of this success is the number of younger pupils that it inspires to get involved and enjoy clubs and activities that help them develop."



2017 leavers getting their results and right, Chloe Pettit, West Midlands 800 metres champion

OPEN EVENING and MORNINGS

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Thursday, September 28
6.30pm - 8.30pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Friday, September 29: 9am - 12pm
Monday, October 1: 9am - 12pm