

Twyford School Academic performance 2018-2019

The only 'public examinations' pupils at Twyford enter for are Common Entrance, Winchester Entrance, Common Academic Scholarship and the specific Scholarship examinations for individual schools. The vast majority of pupils take these examinations at Year 8 for entry to senior schools at age 13, with a small proportion taking Common Entrance or individual school admissions tests at age 11. The results for the most recent leavers are given below.

Scholarships won in Academic Year 2018-19:

St Swithun's	Academic
KES	Academic
Canford	Academic
St Edward's Oxford	Academic
Winchester	Sport
St Swithun's	Sport
St Swithun's	Sport
Canford	Sport
KES	Music
St Swithun's	Music
St Edward's Oxford	Music
Churher's	Music

The table below shows the destination and type of exam for leavers from Year 8:

Name of school	Number of pupils	Type of exam	Award achieved
Bradfield	4	CE and 1 Scholarship	
Bryanston	2	CE	
Canford	7	6 CE and 1 Scholarship	1 Academic Scholarship
Godolphin	1	CE	
LWC	3	CE	
Marlborough	5	4 CE and 1 Scholarship	
Monkton Combe	1	CE	
Radley	1	1 Scholarship	
Sherborne Girls	2	CE	
St Edward's Oxford	1	1 Scholarship	1 Academic Scholarship
St Mary's Calne	2	CE	
St. Swithuns	7	5 CE and 2 Scholarship	1 Academic Scholarship
Wellington	1	CE	
Winchester	2	2 Entrance	
Other	2	No final exam	
	Total: 41		

Of the 41 pupils in Year 8 in the academic year 2018-2019, every pupil was successful in gaining entry into the senior school of their choice. 7 pupils sat Academic Scholarships, proportionally average for Twyford and similar to the previous year. Of these seven, three won awards. Another one won an academic award through a different exam, giving a total of four Academic awards, proportionally slightly lower than normal.

The table below shows the destination and type of exam for leavers from Year 6:

Name of school	Number of pupils	Type of exam	Award achieved
Churcher's	2	School's own	
Dumpton	1	No exam	
Godolphin	1	School's own	
KES Southampton	1	School's own	Academic scholarship
King's Winchester	1	No exam	
LWC	1	School's own	
Millfield Prep	1	No exam	
St. Swithuns	1	CE 11+	

Despite Common Entrance largely becoming 'for setting purposes only', pupils in year 8 have again performed very well at Common Entrance. Focus on and preparation for final exams start much nearer these days to the actual exam dates. This has allowed teachers to enjoy 'just teaching' and the pupils to enjoy 'just learning' for longer than they used to, rather than endlessly revising. Although I feel very uncomfortable with the process of pre-testing as it produces unwarranted anxiety in both children (at an even earlier age) and parents, the one benefit is that the pressure of 'passing' at 13+ has to a large degree disappeared.

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