



1. BUILD UP

We are hugely excited to receive our very first set of AS results this year. Our students outperformed all expectations last year recording GCSE results at a 94% pass rate (9-5) in Maths, English and Science, achieved due to their hard work and supported by the resilience of our committed staff. A hugely impressive GCSE value-added score of +2.7 was recorded for our talented students.

All of our GCSE students continued their journey, many of which had been with us since their early primary years, into the newly opened Sixth Form. A new uniform, common room, enhanced curriculum, BTEC programme and a mixture of A level and International subjects were put in place. We opened up a lifetime Sixth Form Scholarship programme to attract the very best scholars from across Dubai. As part of this scholarship programme, we forged alliances and links with many top businesses, industries and medical facilities to ensure SCS sixth form students had a full and enriched educational offering.

Ms Jenni O'Donnell, Head of the Sixth Form and Teacher of A- level Maths commented:

“This is such a special day for our Sixth Form students as they are reaping the rewards of their hard work over the past year. The move to A-Level is always challenging, and the added pressure during this unique time has been an additional challenge for them to overcome. I am so proud of the determination shown by all students to achieve above their potential, and I know that this will motivate them to excel next year as they move forward in Year 13. The bar has been set very high with these outstanding AS results, and I cannot wait to see what this fantastic cohort of students will produce next year.”

Ms Adrienne Deacon Head of Key Stage 4 and Teacher of A-level Biology, commented:

“There is nothing more exciting than the results day. Results day is the day you hold young people's dreams on a piece of paper. This year will see a different version of results day, yet even in times of adversity, we have seen our students at Safa Community School demonstrate excellence once again. It is with great honour and privilege that we are able to celebrate fantastic AS-Level results with our very first cohort of sixth form students. The sheer resilience and determination of our students is most admirable, and I wish them every success moving forward into Year 13.”

2. 2020 Results

<u>SCS A level Results 2020</u>	
A-Level Results	2020
No. of students in A level cohort:	22
No. of exam entries	60
Total number of different subjects entered for	14
% of exam entries graded A*	3.3%
% of exam entries graded A*-A	32%
% of exam entries graded A*-C	75%
% of exam entries graded A*- E	100%
Overall pass rate A*-E	100%
The highest number of grades by individual student(s)	Farouk Attia 4xA Maria Novais 3xA Nourhan Elshahat 3xA

	Warda Mandvia 3xA 1xB
Predicted Average Overall Grade for 2020 Cohort	A* - A: 32% A* - B: 50% A* - C: 75% A* - E: 100%
Actual Achieved Overall Grade for 2020 Cohort	A* - A: 32% A* - B: 50% A* - C: 75% A* - E: 100%

3. QUOTES

Michael Davies, Head of Secondary, commented “We are delighted with these results. The students have overcome adversity in unprecedented times. They have never waived or taken a backward step; with every obstacle and challenge, the group became stronger. They reflect just how hard learners and staff have worked to ensure that our students achieved excellent outcomes. The standard of teaching and learning in our Sixth Form is truly impressive. AS-level outcomes for Year 12 have surpassed their expected grades which indicates even stronger A level results next year. I’d like to thank all involved publicly.”

Stephen Duckitt Principal, commented “I am delighted that our first cohort of sixth formers has demonstrated excellent Year 12 results. Safa Community School consistently ensures that all our students outperform. Importantly, we have also fully prepared our oldest students for their future careers, and our focus on their all-round wellbeing has supported them to deliver such a high level of success. The remarkable results of our Year 12 cohort fully reflect that every individual sixth former and all of their teachers should feel justifiably proud of their outstanding achievements.”

4. A-LEVEL DESTINATIONS

This is our first year of A- levels at SCS.

5. PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO, Quotes from students

Farouk Year 12 student, commented: "Safa Community School School has provided me with an incredibly supportive community that has helped me to realise my talents and given me the freedom to develop my creativity and broaden my horizons."

Warda Year 12 Student, commented: "I came through the SCS primary school and have always been supported and guided by the amazing staff at SCS. I was fortunate to attend Oxford University Summer school, providing me with the impetus to attain top grades to attend this prestigious university.

Norhan Year 12 Student, commented ' I was offered an academic scholarship last year to support both my academic and sporting talents. I am overwhelmed with the grades I have achieved at SCS. The flexibility of the school day allows me to train and perform at an elite level while still undertaking my A-level studies.

Ideally at least five and up to 30 high impacts, high-resolution examination-related photographs.

Approximately 90-second videos from faculty and students commenting on this year's results that we can use throughout the period (unlimited number but should each have a different focus).

6. VALUE ADD

SCS Value Added for 2020 is +0.17

REACH Programme - All KS5 students have the opportunity to undertake a year-long work and industry placement. Thus allowing them the opportunity to be immersed in the sector and employment opportunities this way to continue with into university.

Mentoring - All KS5 students have leadership and mentoring roles at SCS. They undertake a wide variety of support and through school mentoring. These include opportunities such as peer reading, sports coaching, house captains, head boy and girl and community ambassadors.

Top 10 School Achievements at SCS

1. Our very first year of A level Results
2. 94% Pass rate in the 2019 GCSE results
3. The Sixth Form Scholarship programme
4. 32% A*-A grades in the first year of A-level results
5. 50% A-B grades in the first year of A-level results
6. REACH programme allowing all students to undertake a year-long work placement in KS5
7. The school runs 105 sports teams across the whole school
8. In 2019 the school was awarded the prestigious accolade of the Best New School in the UAE in the SchoolsCompared.com Annual Awards.
9. One of the only schools to offer business and industry careers event from primary through to the Sixth Form.
10. A community school who undertakes a wide variety of charity work and events. Our named charities are breast cancer awareness and the Children's Hospice.
11. 96% of all SCS Year 6 students will continue their education into SCS Secondary in 2020.

7. BTEC

SCS Offers a number of BTEC subjects including Hospitality, Travel and Tourism, Sports and Business. Our first cohort of results will be published in 2021

7. OTHER

All stories and data, related to examination results in a broad context that you feel further the cause of

Michael Davies Head of Secondary commented: "We are simply overwhelmed with the A*-A pass rate in our very first year. It tops the 2019 UK figure by some considerable margin.

We made a bold decision last summer to offer all our Year 11 students at SCS their first choice of A-level course to ensure continuity, also rewarding family loyalty. We aim to ensure a holistic experience for every single child. They face new challenges and obstacles on a daily basis. Our teachers ensure they embed grit and determination into each student to ensure they become lifelong learners."

(2) celebrating the achievements of individual students;

It is fantastic to see the achievement of our top 4 students, and these are a mix of both scholarship and homegrown SCS students, many of who have been part of the SCS family since the early years.

Farouk Attia 4 x As

Maria Novais 3 x As

Nourhan Elshahat 3 x As

Warda Mandvia 3 x As; 1 x Bs

(3) celebrating the achievements of schools and teachers;

The school has formed an alliance with MediClinic Park View Hospital. This unique partnership affords our aspiring young doctors and surgeons to undertake a year-long placement. Students are permitted to shadow the medical teams, surgeons and hospital management for the entire academic year. This allows students to gain insight and deepen their understanding before embarking on their undergraduate studies.

Alan Short Marketing Manager, Mediclinic Parkview Hospital Cluster, commented: “We have been delighted to welcome Safa students this year. Their knowledge of medical practice and patient care has been truly impressive. Both Warda and Marie have fully immersed themselves in the different medical and consultative teams they have worked under. We look forward to continuing this partnership with SCS.”

(4) messaging that will manage, with kindness, the impact on students of COVID 19 on this year's results to positively reinforce the achievements of all students regardless of their achieved grades. There are likely to be many ways of achieving this, and we would appreciate as much thought as you can in dealing with this issue in the attributable quotes you provide us with.

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