



It's been a truly amazing year at The Lakes School with our A-Level and GCSE students achieving fantastic examination results and a fourth consecutive year of improvement in the achievement of Lakes School students. The headlines below are taken from The Mail and The Westmorland Gazette and reflect the amazing journey we have been on as a school during the last four years.

## School continues to improve year on year

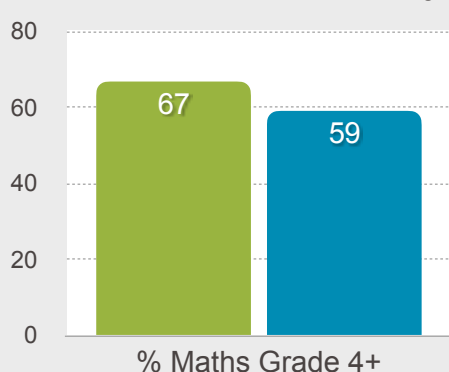
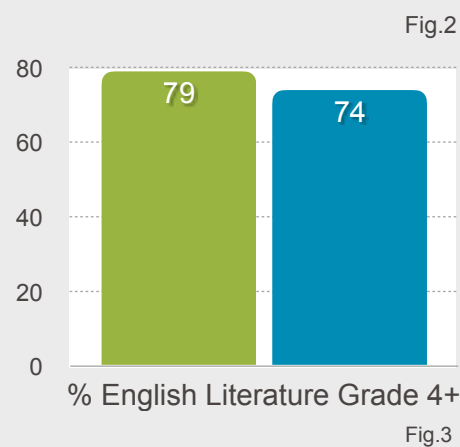
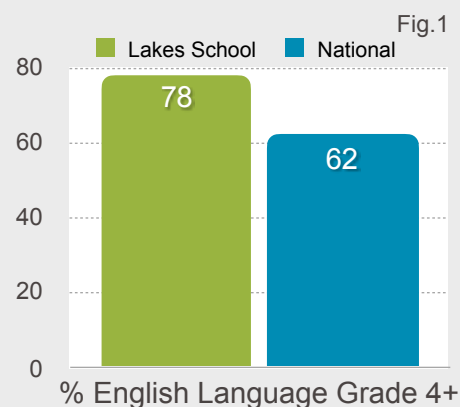
This newsletter provides a summary of our 2018 GCSE and A-Level results and also charts the school's impressive progress over the last four years which has seen students outcomes improve year on year. Sustainable school improvement such as this can only be achieved where staff, students and parents work closely together and this has been true of The Lakes School during the last four years. We are always listening and we will continue to do all that we can to support students and families.

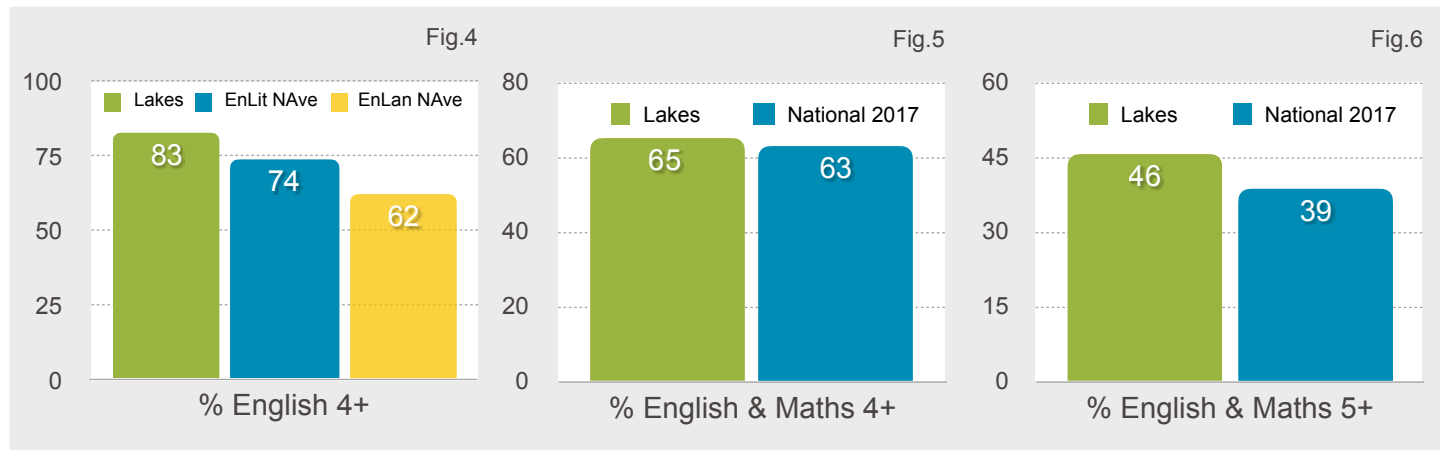
## It gets better every year at The Lakes School

One of our most important responsibilities is to ensure that all of our students leave The Lakes School well equipped with all that they need to live a happy life and to make a positive contribution to their community. We are particularly proud of one impressive statistic which is that, over the last four years, 100% of our students have moved on to further study at Sixth Form, college or university or have secured a prestigious place on an apprenticeship programme or employment with training. Students leave The Lakes School with a plan for the future and this is a wonderful advert for our school.



### GCSE Outcomes





As you can see from the data on the first two pages, our 2018 GCSE outcomes are consistently above national averages which is a great advert for the work we do here at The Lakes School and the wonderful partnership that exists between staff and students and parents.

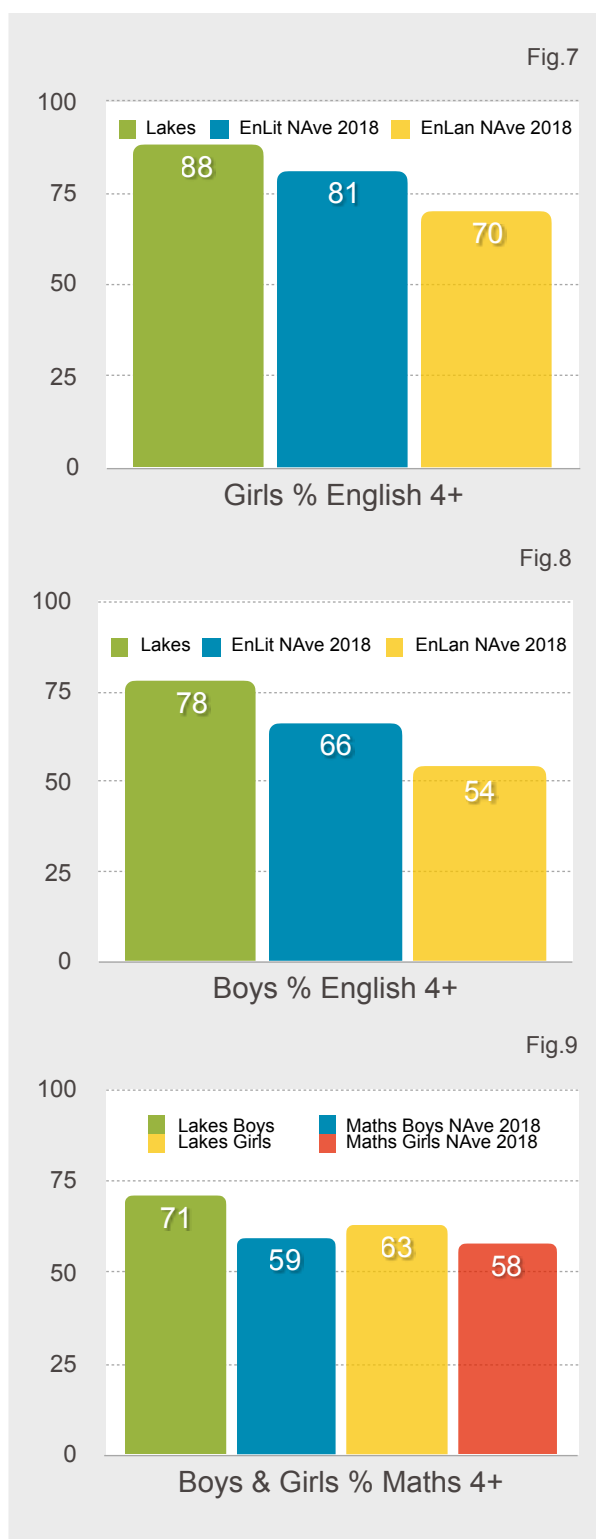
Figures 1 to 3 illustrate the outstanding achievement of our GCSE students across English Language, English Literature and Maths where students have consistently performed above the national average for each subject. English and Maths are the foundation for success in so many subjects, a key measure by which school effectiveness is judged.

Figure 4 highlights even further success with English as 83% of students at The Lakes School achieved a grade 4 or higher in English, significantly above the national averages for both Language and Literature. Achieving a grade 4 in both English and Maths is a key indicator for the school and we are particularly pleased that the school has performed above the 2017 national average on this indicator as shown in figure 5. The national averages for 2018 are yet to be released.

Achieving a grade 4 in English or Maths is called a standard pass and we are equally pleased with our impressive results for achieving a grade 5 in these subjects, also called a strong pass. Figure 6 highlights the impressive achievement of our students at this level.

Furthermore, the English and Maths outcomes for boys and girls demonstrates the strong ethos at The Lakes School where all students are expected to achieve well. The school remains rooted in comprehensive values, the foundations for which were laid in 1965 when the school opened and these values will continue to be a huge part of the fabric of the school for years to come. Figures 7 to 9 illustrate just how well our students have achieved when compared to the national averages for English and Maths.

Our GCSE outcomes for 2018 are likely to improve further as the results of re-marks are returned so keep your eyes peeled for an update later this term; we have already received some great news about student grades improving as a result of the re-mark process.



The Lakes School has been on an impressive journey during the last four years that has seen a significant year-on-year improvement in the GCSE outcomes of our students.

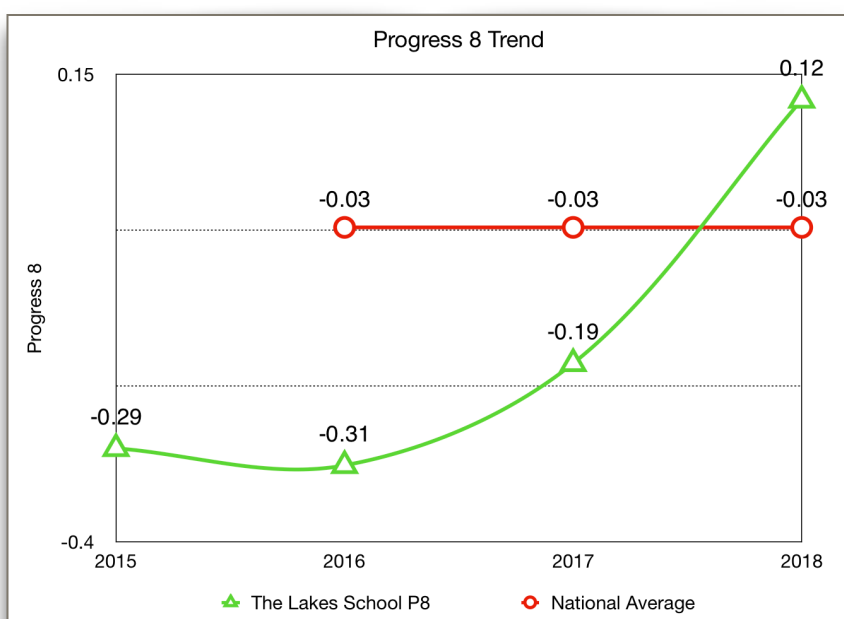
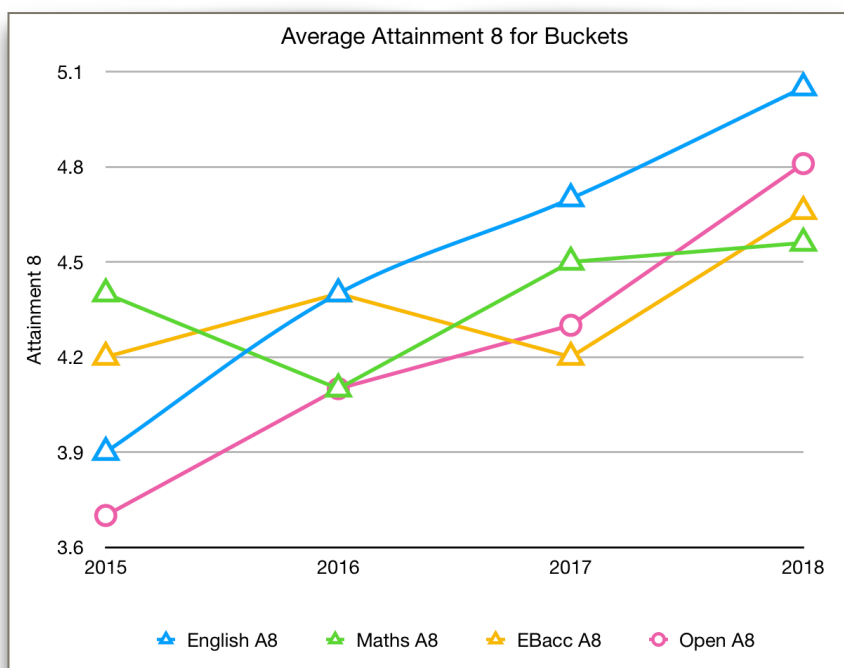
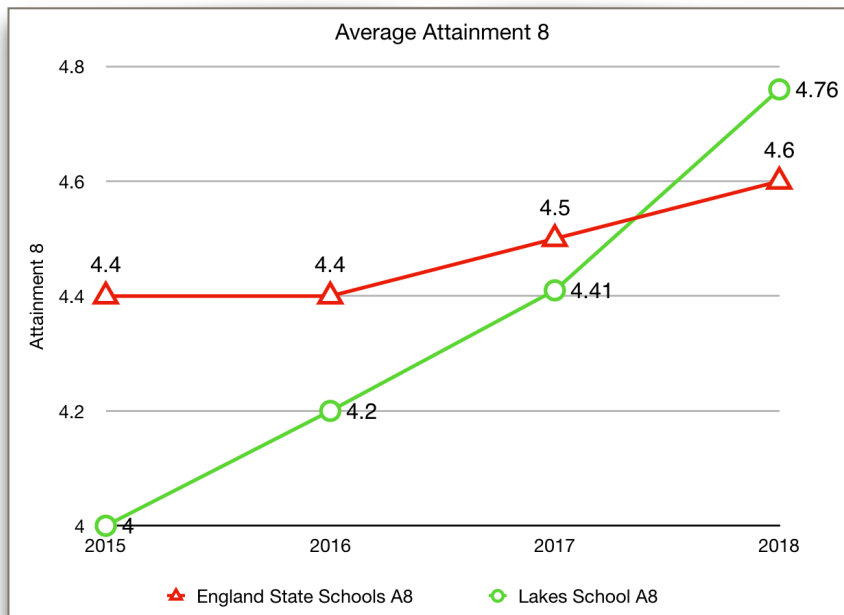
As you can see from the Average Attainment 8 graph, students at The Lakes School have caught up with and overtaken the national average. This shows that students at our school are achieving higher grades in all of their subjects compared to students nationally. This is an impressive advert for our students and for everything that staff do at our school to ensure that students succeed.

This year-on-year improvement in Attainment 8 can also be said for English, Maths, EBacc subjects and Open Bucket subjects which includes Technology, the Arts and PE. During the last four years, the graph to the right shows that students are continuing to achieve higher and higher grades across all of the subjects they study at The Lakes School. I'm sure you will agree that this makes for an impressive story and demonstrates that our collective efforts are having a real impact on the achievement of our students.

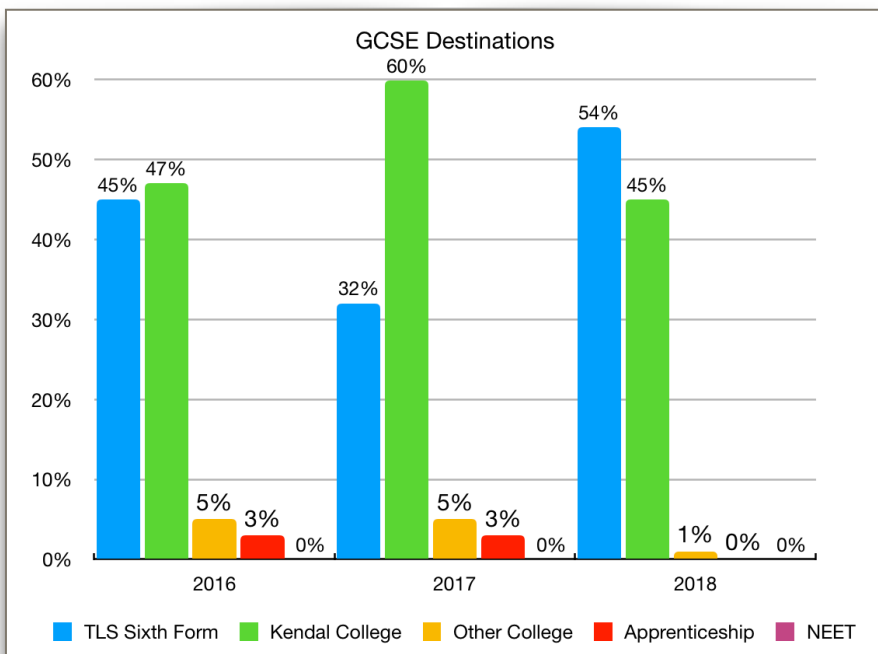
Another equally impressive story is shown through the year-on-year improvement to the school's Progress 8 score where we have been on yet another impressive journey.

As you can see from the Progress 8 Trend graph at the bottom of this page, our overall Progress 8 score continues to rise and this improvement is actually accelerating! Whilst the 2018 P8 scores have not yet been officially released, indications are that our figure will be +0.12. This score shows that across all subjects and groups, we are adding value to our student's achievements when you compare their GCSE outcomes to their starting point at the end of Key Stage 2.

I'm sure you will agree that there is much to celebrate about the school's journey over the last four years. Attainment and Progress continue to rise at The Lakes School and this is testament to our hugely dedicated team of staff and the wonderful partnership we enjoy with parents. The success we enjoy at The Lakes School is also testament to the wonderful start our students receive in local Primary Schools; a fantastic team effort!







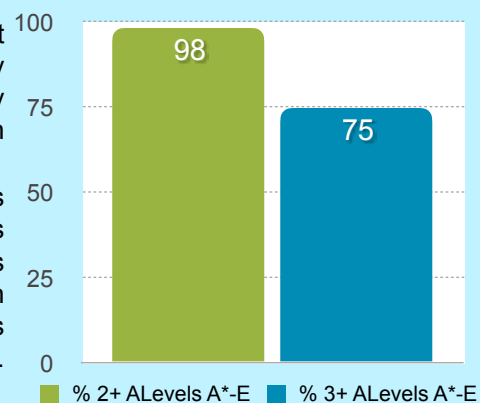
We are particularly proud of our careers and aspirations programme that continues to support all of our students in to further education, apprenticeship or employment with training. Each year, a significant number of our students transfer to our Sixth Form which was rated as 'Good' by Ofsted in both 2015 and 2017.

NEET students are those that leave Year 11 and are 'not in education or employment with training'. The Lakes continues to make a wider contribution to society by ensuring that 100% of our leavers move on to a valuable post-16 destination that will see them build a bright and successful future.

Our A-Level students continue to fly the flag for The Lakes School Sixth Form and we are once again very proud of the achievements of our Year 13 students, most of whom are now settling in to life at University. Many of our students secured unconditional offers from their preferred university and this is a great advert for the confidence and experiences they were able to present in their UCAS applications and at their interviews.

One of the real strengths of our A-Level curriculum is the Extended Project Qualification that enables our students to demonstrate that they are already performing at undergraduate level through the completion of an advanced essay or project. This year, 88% of our EPQ candidates achieved an A\*-B grade which represents outstanding achievement.

A-Level results day was full of so many wonderful stories with our students realising their dreams of studying the subject they love or taking up a prestigious place on an advanced apprenticeship programme. It was such a precious moment to share this time with our students and their parents as their seven year journey at The Lakes School came to an end. Remember, you will always be a Lakes School student so you are always welcome to come back and visit. We can't wait to hear all about your adventures and wish you every success.



**MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SIXTH FORM STUDENTS FOR A GREAT SET OF RESULTS. WE WISH YOU EVERY SUCCESS AND HAPPINESS AT UNIVERSITY OR DURING YOUR GAP YEAR.**