

## English pass rate at Forest Hall School is on the rise

A total of 80% of GCSE students at Forest Hall School achieved at least a grade 4 – a pass nationally – in English compared with 74% last year.

All boys and girls at the Stansted secondary achieved a strong pass in the separate sciences and 60% achieved the top grades of 8 and 9 in textiles.

In maths, 57% of the cohort achieved the national standard of grade 4 or higher.

Top-performing students included:

■ Head girl Amarni-Jai Newman: textiles 9, history 9, English language 8, English literature 8, maths 7, separate science 7/8/8, geography A, French 8;

■ Tommy Collins: computer science 6, separate science 7/8/8, English lang 6, English lit 8, Spanish 6, history 7, geography 6, maths 8;

■ Alice Rogers: English lang 7, English lit 9, maths, 7, combined science 7/6, French 5, history 8, art C, geography B;

■ Laura Smetisko: English lang 6, English lit 6, sociology 6, separate science 5/6/6, history 6, art 6, NCFE health and fitness Merit;

■ Thomas Knight: combined science 5/5, English lang 6, English lit/ 5, history 6, maths 5, sociology 4, resistant materials C, geography B, home cooking skills Pass;

■ Skye Wicks: English lang 5,

English lit 6, combined science 5/4, textiles 9, art 5, NCFE business Merit, NCFE health and fitness Merit, maths 4, PE 4.

Kayleigh Trainor, Forest Hall's assistant head responsible for achievement and outcomes, said: "As a school we are incredibly proud of our students and what they have achieved in their summer GCSEs.

"They worked incredibly hard throughout Year 11, attending study clubs and Saturday schools; their exceptional attitude towards their learning has helped them to secure a wonderful set of results. I wish all of our students the very best of luck in their post-16 journey."

Success was also achieved by students entered early for GCSE exams in Years 10 and 9. They complete up to two option GCSEs in those year groups.

Top performers in Year 10 included:

■ Tia Akers: English lit 7, photography 9;

■ Tommy Brown: English lit 7, sociology 4;

■ Tabitha Tidiman: English lit 6, geography 7, Spanish 8, music 7;

■ Jacob Gibson: English lit 7, Spanish 6, history 5.

Top-performing Year 9 students included:

■ James Garrett: geography 7;

■ Poppy West: photography 7.



The train of cars, pulled along by a quad bike, was as popular as ever

## Temperatures soar as teddies fall at windmill

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Glorious sunshine beamed down on Stansted's historic windmill for its annual bank holiday fete.

Hundreds of people flocked to the Mill Side monument in record-breaking temperatures to enjoy an array of attractions.

The fun spilled over onto nearby Recreation Ground where children were greeted by inflatable bouncy castles in all shapes and sizes, including a helter skelter. There were also dodgem cars, roundabouts, a bungee trampoline and the ever popular train of cars in which little ones were towed around the park by a quad bike.

The fete is the Stansted Millers' biggest fundraiser of the year with money collected going towards the 200-year-old mill's upkeep. Its doors were open to allow visitors to learn about its history and climb the steep wooden stairs inside to the top of the structure.

But perhaps the most popular fundraiser of the day was children paying £1 to watch their favourite teddy be winched up the outside of the mill and then dropped from the



Aidan, 6, and Rowan, 1, cool off with an ice cream

top with a parachute on. Each child and their bear received a special certificate to mark the adventure.

"It's more of a teddy bear hurtle as the parachutes don't always work, but the children love it," said Stansted Millers' treasurer Richard Thomas.

Tea and cakes, ice creams and plenty of cold drinks kept the crowds refreshed as they browsed a selection of stalls and were entertained by the Stansted Mounffitchet Strummers.

Mr Thomas said afterwards that

attendance was lower than in previous years – most likely the heat keeping some people away – but they were expecting to raise nearly £4,000 which he said "represented a slight increase on last year".

"It was a fun day and people seemed to enjoy it, so broadly speaking it was a success," added Richard.

Work gets under way on Monday (September 2) to begin repointing the brickwork.

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