



SATs Results 2015

St Hilda's is delighted with another great year for SATs results. This is the third year that St Hilda's has chosen to publish their results, since Headmistress Miss Styles believes they are "an essential part of information gathering for most prospective parents."

Miss Styles was featured in Independent Schools Magazine last year and rather controversially argues that SATs provide objective "reflection and self-evaluation, which are important tools for any committed professionals."

Most independent schools have chosen to withdraw from SATs, as they claim that children have to be taught too narrowly to benefit from the exams. However, as Miss Styles said in the magazine interview, "the tests were simply slotted into an already busy, demanding and broad timetable (such as) you would expect from a highly regarded prep school."

To put the results in context, the level that eleven years olds are expected to attain for their KS2 SATs are a Level 4. Brighter children are invited to sit the Level 5 exam, which would be above the expected level for a Form 6 child. Occasionally, extremely able children are selected to sit the Level 6 exams, which is far above the national average and equivalent to secondary school attainment.

In English, 6% of pupils gained Level 6, with almost all the other children (83%) gaining a Level 5. In Maths, a healthy 30% gained Level 5, but a staggering 30% achieved Level 6.

"This is a testament to the quality of teaching, and the enthusiasm with which all St Hilda's pupils tackle any challenges they meet. The St Hilda's ethos of applying "resilience, resourcefulness and risk-taking" is a clear factor in the girls' continued success."