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INDEPENDENT SECONDARY SCHOOL OF THE YEAR

St John's College, Cardiff, our top independent secondary in Wales and choir school to Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral

Sing it from the rooftops: Welsh independent secures best A-level results in UK and wins top award

St John's College, Cardiff is used to the celestial as choir school to Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral. However, this year it was not just the school's music that was out of this world. Anyone obtaining a C grade on A-level results day in August will have felt a little lonely, as 98.1% of all outcomes secured A*, A or B grades, putting Eton, Westminster, St Paul's et al into the shade. It is a remarkable achievement for the

525-pupil Catholic day school, in Old St Mellons. The results put it well ahead of St Michael's, Llanelli and Ruthin School, second and third in Wales respectively, although St Michael's does have the best GCSE results in Wales, with more than four out of five grades gaining A* or A grades this summer.

Among smaller independent schools, Westbourne School, in Penarth, fares well. It enters pupils for the IB diploma

and only St John's College, St Michael's and Ruthin School achieve better sixth-form results, measured on A-level equivalence.

In the state sector, local antipathy towards league tables means just 12 out of 200 secondary schools share their results with The Sunday Times. Among those who do, Cowbridge Comprehensive stands out, finishing top and winning our first Welsh State Secondary School of the Year award.

TOP 10

STATE SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Wales rank	UK rank	Admissions	A-Level (A*-B)	GCSE (A*/A/9/8/7)
1	211=	Cowbridge Comprehensive School, Cowbridge	C 60.4	42.1
2	227=	Radyr Comprehensive School, Cardiff	C 65.0	28.9
3	235	Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Bro Myrddin, Carmarthen	C 63.7	29.8
4	236	Crickhowell High School, Crickhowell	C 64.9	27.0
5	267	Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Plasnewydd, Cardiff	C 63.0	24.9
6	280	Penglais School, Aberystwyth	C 60.9	27.2
7	291	Ysgol Y Preseli, Crymch	C 59.5	28.3
8	322=	Llanidloes High School, Llanidloes	C 58.4	25.1
9	330=	Olfha School, Swansea	C 52.7	35.6
10	340=	St Brigid's School, Denbigh	C 57.4	24.3

INDEPENDENT SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Wales rank	UK rank	A-Level (A*-B)	GCSE (A*/A/9/8/7)
1	62=	St John's College, Cardiff	98.1 62.9
2	86	St Michael's School, Llanelli	80.2 80.6
3	91	Ruthin School	92.3 54.3
4	123	Haberdaishers' Monmouth School for Girls	75.7 73.3
5	125=	The Cathedral School Llandaff, Cardiff	75.9 71.5
6	172	Monmouth School	75.9 60.2
7	204	Westbourne School, Penarth	76.2 49.6
8	224=	Howell's School Llandaff GDST, Cardiff	67.3 62.5
9	258	St Gerard's School, Bangor	63.2 60.9
10	284	Christ College, Brecon	66.5 46.4
11	309	Rydal Penrhos School, Colwyn Bay	64.7 37.6

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