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since 1284*

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A Level Results Analysis (including 2010 UK Ranking)

This year Ruthin School has had great success achieving its best ever results. Its position in the league tables climbed from 382 in 2007 to 107 in 2010. These tables are published by ISC (the Independent Schools' Council) and the data is used in various newspapers, including The Daily Telegraph and The Times.

The Daily Telegraph published Ruthin School's ranking as 107. This is the School's position when compared to over 500 Independent Schools (of all types, including Coeducational, Boys only and Girls only) but it excludes the small schools (those schools with fewer than 25 candidates).

The Times published Ruthin School's ranking as 49 within the Coeducational school section.

Both The Daily Telegraph and The Times calculate ranking by looking at the % A*-A achieved from all possible grades. Previous league tables looked at %A-B, so this year the rankings are much more competitive.

Ruthin School did particularly well this year in the percentage of A* achieved from all possible grades – and for this, it was ranked 15 by the ISC. The top 20 schools in the UK (that have opted to publish their A Level results), for the achievement of the A* grade are:

			% A*
1	Wycombe Abbey School	Girls only	51.28
2	City of London School For Girls	Girls only	45.99
3	Guildford High School for Girls	Girls only	42.86
4	Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, Herts	Boys only	40.42
5	Kilgraston School, Perth	Girls only	40.00
6	The School of St Helen and St Katharine	Girls only	39.93
7	Haberdashers' Aske's School for Girls, Herts	Girls only	39.60
8	Magdalen College School	Girls only	38.15
9	Concord College	Coed	37.31
10	Withington Girls' School	Girls only	36.18
11	James Allen's Girls' School	Girls only	35.99
12	Oxford High School GDST	Girls only	35.12
13	The Lady Eleanor Holles School	Girls only	34.98
14	Polam Hall School	Coed	34.69
15	Ruthin School	Coed	34.41
16	South Hampstead High School GDST	Girls only	33.82
17	St Mary's School Calne	Girls only	33.33
18	Alleyn's School	Coed	33.18
19	The Perse School	Coed	32.52
20	Royal Grammar School, Newcastle-upon-Tyne	Coed	32.12

To gain an A* you need to get over 90% in the harder second-year modules.

When looking at schools in the locality of Ruthin, the performance of Ruthin School is very strong:

School	Ranking	%A*
Concord College	9	37.31
Ruthin School	15	34.41
Howells, Denbigh	72	23.44
King's, Chester	119	20.20
Queen's Chester	147	18.10
Oswestry School	166	16.82
Shrewsbury High School	250	12.26
Rydal Penrhos	329	7.83

Considering Ruthin's position in The Telegraph, comparing local schools (of size bigger than 25) we see:

School	Ranking	%A*/A
Concord College	19	75.57
Ruthin School	107	58.06
Queen's Chester	140	54.29
King's, Chester	157	52.19
Oswestry School	207	45.79
Shrewsbury High School	215	45.16
Rydal Penrhos	290	34.41

University Destinations

All students this year gained entry to their chosen university. A number of students gained entry to top ranking universities and these include:

Cambridge	Natural Sciences
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Cambridge	Mathematics
Cambridge	English Literature
Bristol	Mechanical Engineering
London School of Economics	Economics and Philosophy
Warwick	Maths & Statistics
Warwick	Economics
Imperial College	Electrical Engineering
York	Chemistry
UCL	Economics
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King's College, London	Law
Nottingham	Pharmacy

Ruthin School, in 2008, after the appointment of Toby Belfield as Bursar, decided to take a new direction and chose to focus on academic excellence. During 2008 and 2009 the students that Toby recruited were very keen to make the most of all the opportunities on offer at Ruthin. This set of A Level results is the first to demonstrate that Ruthin School can provide its students with the top grades. Students at Ruthin, with high quality teaching and small class sizes, can go from being “B-standard” to being “A*-standard.”

It is particularly encouraging that this year’s AS Level results – an indicator for next year’s ranking – are even stronger than last year’s and it is likely that next year Ruthin School will further rise up the league tables.

Toby Belfield has recently been promoted to the post of Principal of Ruthin School and is determined that Ruthin School continues to provide an education where all students can have the opportunity to achieve top results and gain entry to the very best universities in the world. The small, family ethos is integral to this and the many extra-curricular activities that the students enjoy add to their overall positive experience.

An increasing number of UK and international students are applying to US universities and the School will be supporting students in their preparation for SAT and US university essays.

If you are interested in a place at Ruthin School, and would like the opportunity to try and achieve top quality results within a friendly school located in a stunning part of the UK, please email principal@ruthinschool.co.uk for further information.

Ruthin School, founded in 1284, is a coeducational boarding school for pupils from age 3-18.

A limited number of places are available for entry in September 2010 and January 2011.

