

Sixth Form Newsletter

It was another fantastic year for our A Level students this year. With 100% pass rate and our first student reaching Cambridge University there was much to celebrate on results day.

Some extremely notable performances included:

Josh Jackson	A*AAA
Bryn Blake	AAAB
Rowan Holland	A*AA
Steph Wilkinson	ABB
Liam Fitzpatrick	ABB
Matthew Upton	BBC
Harry Thomas	BBC

Almost 80% of the students hit or exceed their ALPS targets giving an ALPS grading of 2. This puts us in the top 20% of schools in the country for Value Added at A2 Level. Ten of the individual subjects achieved the highest ALPS grades. These figures are just rewards for a year of extraordinary hard work on the part of both students and teachers, the likes of which I have never seen in my four years as Head of Sixth Form. The average point score per student also rose to by 45.32 to 685.42!

Many of the students are now off to further their academic careers at University. As usual they have spread themselves far and wide across the country. The students benefitted from an enhanced UCAS programme delivered by the Sixth Form Team. The quality of the applications was reflected not only in the number of offers that were received by students, but also in the grade requirements, many of which had been adjusted downwards by the Universities in an attempt to secure their choice. A full list of the students and their destinations is listed below.

Cameron	Abdullah	BRIGHTON	English Language and Linguistics
Mark	Anderton	OXFORD BROOKES	Computing
Thomas	Anstiss	KENT	Music
Bryn	Blake	KINGS COLLEGE LONDON	Theology
Alexandra	Brennan	CUWIC	Business and Management Studies
Katrina	Bullenthorpe	CANTERBURY	Geography
Stanley	Bunker	NOTTINGHAM TRENT	Chemistry
Samuel	Corkill	PORTSMOUTH	International Business
Thomas	Crilly-McKean	SWANSEA	English Language
Ryan	Curtis	BRIGHTON	Geography
Andrew	D'Arcy Collins	ROEHAMPTON	Creative Writing
Amber	Davis	OXFORD	Biomedical Science
Liam	FitzPatrick	BIRMINGHAM	Physics

Kyle	Freeman	BEDFORD	Sport and Physical Education
Jessica	Gallagher	DEMONTFORT	Business Law LLB
Kirsty	Herlihy	ANGLIA RUSKIN	Law
Daniel	Higby	PLYMOUTH	Management, Government and Law
Rowan	Holland	WARWICK	Mathematics
Joshua	Jackson	CAMBRIDGE	Human, Social and Political Sciences
Deborah	Jewell	LINCOLN	Psychology
Jasmine	Katsoulis	ST MARY	Geography
Oscar	Larsen	BRIGHTON	Sociology
Ryan	Lubbock	SHU	Digital Media Production
Reuben	Marvin	ESSEX	Philosophy and Politics
Katherine	Pickup	NOTTINGHAM	Primary Education (QTS)
Georgina	Piggott	BIRMINGHAM	French Studies and Geography
Luke James	Pratt	LOUGHBOROUGH	Civil Engineering
Samuel	Pryor	PLYMOUTH	Geology
Christopher	Sanderson	KEELE	Chemistry
Adam	Sandmann	OXFORD BROOKES	Film Studies
Shannon	Saunders	GLOUSCESTER	Biology
Olivia	Shillingford-Clark	NORTHAMPTON	Developmental and Educational Psychology
Keaiana	Talbot-O'Riordan	LONDON MET	Advertising and Public Relations
Harry	Thomas	ASTON	Politics and Social Policy
Matthew	Upton	SOUTHAMPTON	Geology
Shanup	Viramgama	NOTTINGHAM TRENT	Building Surveying
Stephanie	Wilkinson	LANCASTER	Human Geography
Lina	Yu	COVENTRY	Management and Professional Accounting

Not to be outdone, our Year 12 students also had an excellent set of results with 75% of them hitting or exceeding their ALPS targets. This gave the school an ALPS grading of 3, putting us in the top 30% of schools in the country for Value Added at AS Level. Ten individual subjects achieved the highest ALPS

grades. These figures put them significantly ahead of the AS results last year so I am anticipating an even better year at A2 this year!

The new Year 12 students have a lot to live up to but we are determined to make their results the best ever. They are settling in to their new subjects and their new study schedule. Their UCAS programme begins on 19th October with a trip to Loughborough University to have a tour and to receive a number of presentations from staff and current students regarding the application process and life as a university student. Further information will be provided by the Sixth Form Team and guest speakers throughout the year.

A lot of the year 12 students are embarking upon the first year of the new reformed A Levels. Teachers have had extensive training from the examination boards on the delivery of the new format. Phase two of the change to two year linear courses will come in next September and those departments affected are already preparing for this.

This year we are delighted to be able to offer a new vocational course; a Level 3 BETC subsidiary diploma in Vehicle Technology (Motorsport). Mr Cousins will be delivering the course in a fully equipped workshop at the school.

There has been further improvements made to the Sixth Form Centre. Both Girls and Boys toilet facilities have been refurbished and the whole block has been redecorated. Interactive Televisions have been installed in a number of the rooms as part of a programme to replace the existing interactive white boards. The Sixth Form Leadership Team have also moved into a new office in what was classroom C3. Mr Youngs, Mr Cropper, Mr Pye and Mrs Cherry can now all be found in one place! There is even a extra student workspace in there for specially selected students who require a little more of our attention!

In July the Year 13 students were invited to go through a rigorous two day selection process to become Head Boy, Head Girl, Assistant Head Boy and Assistant Head Girl. I am delighted to say that the following students were successful in being appointed those positions:

Head Boy – Kubi Ustensurmeli

Head Girl – Georgina Oliver

Asst Head Boy – Tom Rolls

Asst Head Girl – Molly Youngs

We very much look forward to working with them