



HIGHDOWN SCHOOL & SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Congratulations Highdowners!

Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre is pleased to report some outstanding achievements by its students in their A levels and other qualifications this summer.

Our outstanding 6th form provision goes from strength to strength. Highdown's performance at A level is in the top 5% of all providers nationally. It is the best performing nonselective 6th form locally. This year, following the cancellation of exams, grades were awarded through a process of teacher assessed grades, against a national standard and approved and awarded by the exam boards. The government is not publishing performance data for any schools or colleges this year due to the varying impact of the pandemic. The grades teachers awarded were not adjusted.

Rachel Cave, the school's Headteacher, said: "We are immensely proud of all the work and achievements of our students, especially after such a difficult and disrupted year. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure students are all able to progress onto further education and study, and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future."

Over half the grades awarded were at A* and A grades. 72% of grades at A*-B. This is another phenomenal year of achievement by Highdowners.

There are some lovely individual stories here are some of them:

Rory Tietema - A* Further Maths, A* Maths, A* Physics and A* Chemistry. Rory is off to Manchester University to read Physics with Theoretical Physics.

Cerys Larsen - A* Chemistry, A* English Literature, A* French, A* in EPQ and will be studying English and French at Bristol University.

Joseph Beeney - A* Biology, A* Chemistry + D1 in PreU and A* in EPQ and is off to Cardiff University to read Medicine.

George Roberts - A* Economics, A* Geography and A* Maths. George is going on to study Arts and Science with Study Abroad at UCL.

Toby Knott - A* Computing, A* Maths and A* Physics and will be going on to an apprenticeship in Cyber Security.

Rachel Nelson - A* Art, A* English Literature and A* History and is off to read History at Sussex University.

Eleanor Cussons - A* English Literature, A* Maths and A Biology and is off to read English at York University.

Amelia Phillips - A* Biology, A* Psychology and A Chemistry. Amelia will be studying Psychology at Bristol University.

Madeleine Whyatt - A* Philosophy, A* Photography, A in History, A in EPQ. Madeleine is off to read Law at York University.

Jack Bristow - A* History, A* Maths and A Biology and is off to read Modern History with Economics at Manchester University.

Olivia Hartin- A* Geography, A* Sociology and A History and is off to study Social Policy at York University.

Natalie Soghomonian - A* Art, A* Psychology and A History. Natalie is taking a gap year before going on to further studies.

Sam Prior - A* Maths, A* Physics, A History and A Further Maths and is going to Bristol University to read Engineering Mathematics.

Max Moore - A* Business, A* English Language & Literature and A in History. Max will be going on to Liverpool University to study Business Management and Entrepreneurship.

Thomas Currie- A* Computing, A* Maths, A Physics and B in Further Maths and is going to York University to read Physics.

There are many others celebrating great individual achievements.

69 students (70% of our year group) will be taking up places at university in the new academic year. Of the 69 students, 38% will be heading to Russell Group Universities.

We are delighted that there continues to be an increase in students achieving places at competitive universities and wish them well for the future. We look forward to welcoming them back on December 16th for Presentation Evening.

Ms R E Cave
Headteacher
10th August 2021