



AROUND THE PALACE

Celebrating A Level and GCSE Results



Dear all,

It has been wonderful to finally see Old Palace students back at the Nursery, Prep and Senior School sites this week. It has also been good to welcome the new students in Reception, Year 7, Year 9, Year 12 and a few other years to Old Palace. It has been a difficult five months for the whole school community and we very much hope that as this term progresses we can move further towards a return to 'normal'.

This is a short Bulletin this week but we thought it would be good to show some uplifting photos of our students receiving their GCSE and A Level results. The 2020 exam results days were very different to previous years as our students faced the debacle of the Ofqual algorithm alongside last minute/u-turn changes to government policy. However, as a school we were very pleased with the overall results and the success of the students in securing their university destinations and these are detailed within this Bulletin.

Wishing everyone a relaxing weekend.

Jane Burton, Head

A Level and GCSE Results *continued*

This year, we have achieved a very strong set of A Level and GCSE results.

At A Level, 25% of all the entries were awarded the top grade of A* with 68% of entries achieving A*/A and 93% achieving A*-B. Students secured places at top universities including two students who gained Oxbridge places. Over 95% of students gained places at their first or insurance place university.

At GCSE, 32% of all entries were awarded the top grade of 9, with 51% of entries awarded at least a grade 8 and 74% of entries awarded at least a grade 7 (the equivalent of an A grade from previous years). Just over a quarter of all Old Palace students achieved at least a grade 7 in all of their exams.

'After such a difficult period where our students have coped with so much disruption and uncertainty, it is pleasing to see our students achieve such strong academic results and see their hard work duly rewarded. Congratulations to all our students. Thanks must go to the Old Palace staff for all their hard work and to our parents for all the support they have shown their daughters and the school.'

Mrs Burton



Year 13 Leavers – University Destinations

In a difficult year, we were delighted that 95% of our students secured their chosen university, with 82% going to Russell Group Universities

Just under half of all the A Level entries were in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) subjects with about a third of these choosing Psychology. Three students are off to study Physics with others choosing Civil Engineering, Medical Biochemistry and Zoology.

The 23 different A Level subjects reflect the diversity and breadth of the Old Palace curriculum. This ranges from Liberal Arts, Archaeology, Ancient World, Classics, Media and Communications, English with Creative Writing, Geography, Politics and Economics.

About a fifth of our students chose to study a Joint Honours degree combining subjects such as English, Music, Languages, Politics, Economics, Law, American Studies, Anthropology, French and German.



Old Palace Welcomes New Year 7 Students

Mrs Burton says: *"It has been wonderful to welcome all students back to the school today and especially our new Year 7 students who arrived looking both smart and enthusiastic this morning. It is such a joy to have the school community back together again."*

