

## Durham High School A Level Results 2018

Number of students in Year 13: 39

Percentage of passes at A\* 13%

Percentage of passes at A\*/A 37%

Percentage of Passes at A\*- B 66%

Percentage of passes at A\*- C 94%

Percentage of passes at A\*- E: 100%

Headmistress' comments:

Durham High School has once again achieved an outstanding set of A Level results with over a third of all examination entries being awarded the top grades of A\*/A and two thirds of entries being awarded grades A\*- B. Special congratulations go to star performers Lara Herriott who achieved 5 A\* grades and is destined for Cambridge University where she will read Natural Sciences and to Caitlin Whitaker on her 3 A\* grades and who is destined for the University of Edinburgh where she will read Fine Art. Congratulations to the following girls who all achieved three A\*/A grades or more: Elinor Fowler who is holding places to read Biological Science at Cambridge University and Imperial College, London; Olivia Rowe who is reading Biochemistry at Newcastle University, Dharshini Sambamoorthi who is reading Medicine at the University of Birmingham and Eve Welch who is reading Spanish and Portuguese at the University of Manchester.

One of the many benefits of a girls' school is that no subject is deemed to be masculine or feminine and at Durham High both Science and Maths are great strengths but of equal popularity are the Arts and Humanities: 77% of those studying English Literature at A level achieved A\*/A. Head Girl, Hannah King is going to the University of Bath to read Natural Sciences and also continuing with the Sciences is Heather Johnston reading Dentistry at the University of Leeds. Lucy Hilton, Deputy Head Girl has been offered a place at Rose Bruford College to study Acting. Lucy recently starred as Mister Tom in the school's production of 'Goodnight Mister Tom' at Durham's Gala Theatre, and is destined for a career in the world of theatre. Other girls will be embarking on a diverse and wide range of courses from Law to Agriculture and Pharmacy to Nuclear Engineering.

Headmistress, Mrs Lynne Renwick, praised all the students and staff for their hard work. She said, "We are thrilled by this superb level of achievement. Each girl has worked consistently and with enthusiasm throughout her time in the Sixth Form and all the girls deserve their excellent grades. The teaching staff will be delighted by these results. With enthusiasm and skill, they have drawn the very best out of their students and more over they have negotiated brilliantly all the obstacles placed in their way by the new examination specifications. Well done to all!"