

## **Durham High School** **A Level Results 2019**

Year 13 group size: 29

Durham High School has once again achieved an outstanding set of A Level results with nearly half of all examination entries being awarded the top grades of A\*/A, which is over 10% higher than last year and double the national average.

Special congratulations go to star performers: Deputy Head Girl, Varsha Krishnan achieved 4 A\* grades and is destined for Imperial College, London to read Medicine; Maya Slee, also Deputy Head Girl, achieved 3 A\* and 1 A grade. Maya will read Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge. Head Girl, Neisha Mistry, is going to University of Leeds to read Mathematics after achieving 2 A\* and 2 A grades.

Congratulations also go to the following girls who all achieved three A\*/A grades or more: Abigail Lintern and Tinaye Mupedziswa, who are also reading Medicine; Hannah Nicol who is reading International Management and Modern Languages at the University of Bath; Alexandra Roberts who is reading Modern History at St Andrew's; Lucy Garman who has been awarded a Scholarship to study Food Science at the University of Leeds and Natalya Sharp who is reading English at the University of Exeter. Talented flautist Faith Whiteley will be studying Music at the prestigious Trinity Laban Conservatoire.

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: 69% of those studying Maths achieved A\*/A, bucking the national trend which sees fewer girls studying Maths at A Level.

Students will be embarking on a diverse and wide range of courses from Aeronautics and Astronautics, Psychology and pilot training to Law, Business, Fashion and Sport. Other girls will be studying English, History, Classics and Philosophy and Politics.

**Not included in these results are the Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) grades, with 89% of Durham High entries graded A\*/A.**

Headmistress, Mrs Simone Niblock, praised all the students and staff for their hard work. She said, "We are absolutely delighted with the results. What is equally impressive is the staggering range of subjects our pupils are going on to study. Whilst it is great to see that an all girls' school undoubtedly encourages more to study STEM subjects at A Level, achievement in the Arts and Humanities remains consistently excellent. It is evident that each girl is encouraged to follow her own individual path and given all the support she needs to achieve her aspirations."