

Durham High School **A Level Results 2020**

Year 13 group size: 31

Durham High School would like to pay tribute to its Year 13 pupils for their determination and maturity in achieving a fantastic set of A Level results this year.

Pupils achieved a 100% pass rate, with almost two thirds of all examination entries awarded the top grades of A*/A and 79% awarded A*-B. The School is delighted that, overall, the vast majority of girls were able to take up their first-choice university offers.

They will now be embarking on a diverse and wide range of courses from Optometry and Classical Civilisation, Medicine and Law, to Drama and Theatre Arts, Psychology, Pharmaceutical Science and Architectural Engineering. Other girls will be reading English and Philosophy, Chemistry, Mathematics and Geography.

They will also be studying in all corners of the country, with girls headed to St Anne's College at University of Oxford, Cardiff University, Warwick University, Bristol University, and University of Glasgow. Others are heading to institutions closer to home including Newcastle University, Durham University and the University of York.

With examinations cancelled back in March, A Level grades have been calculated differently this year. Schools submitted estimated grades to the examination boards, and the boards have used these, alongside a statistical algorithm based on school historical data and national data, to calculate the final grades pupils were awarded.

Headmistress, Mrs Simone Niblock, praised all the students and staff for their hard work during this tumultuous time. She said, "We are so proud of our girls for their success, which highlights their adaptability and strength in character in what has been an unprecedented time for everyone. What is also impressive again this year is the staggering range of subjects our pupils are going on to study. We congratulate them on their achievements and wish them well as they embark on the next step of their educational journey."

"We would also like to acknowledge the hard work of our staff, who adapted quickly back in March when the enforced closure of schools led to the development of a virtual teaching programme overnight. We are proud that, as a school community, we did not stop, and we were able to deliver a full summer term curriculum online and on time."

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