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<i>KA's Sixth Form Press Release</i>	

Another set of outstanding results - including a record number of top grades - achieved by KAA Sixth Form students

Year 13 students and staff at King Alfred's Academy are celebrating excellent results today, which continue the pattern of steady improvement over recent years which led to our recent 'Outstanding' Ofsted grading. Our combined A level and BTEC headline figure for 'top grades' (A*-B and Distinction*-Distinction) of 65% is our best ever, with 60% of A level entries resulting in A*-B grades, matching our ambitious target and exceeding last year's figure. We also met our target for A*-A grades at A level, with 30% of total entries.

Acting Headteacher Jon Smart said "At the end of an eventful year, these results represent rich reward for our dedicated, hard-working students and all of the teaching and support staff who have done so much to help and encourage them. We are proud of the achievements of our senior students, which confirm the recent very positive Ofsted 'Outstanding' judgement of our Sixth Form provision."

Particularly impressive results in A level English literature, mathematics, business studies, history and PE are worthy of special mention, and once again BTEC courses delivered many outstanding results, particularly in Health & Social Care and Sport. Our headline figures of 55% Distinction* and 78% Distinction*-Distinction grades across all BTEC courses mean that many of our students have secured places on competitive university courses through this important vocational route, and are very close to last year's record results.

Once again, King Alfred's Sixth Form students have secured places on a broad range of university courses and higher-level apprenticeships, with places secured at many Russell Group universities, including four at Oxford and Cambridge for the second year running.

Fox Thomson achieved A*A* in Maths and Further Maths, in addition to A grades in Additional Further Maths, Physics and Computer Science, securing a place to read Mathematics at Cambridge and Ciara Watkins, whose A*A*A* grades from last summer proved sufficient for her new application for Law this year, will also be going to Cambridge. Ellie Vizor, with her A*AA grades has decided to take up a place at Oxford to read Bio-Medical Science and Clare St George's A*A*A grades in English literature, Biology and Maths have earned Clare an Oxford place to read English language and literature.

Nathan van der Reit continues a tradition of KAA Sixth Formers securing places at top universities to read Mathematics with A*A*AA in his four A levels, securing him a place at Warwick. Our very strong A Level History department has sent many of our best academics to leading universities in recent years; this year Joe Hall with A*A*A* and Hannah Hayward with A*AA and an A* in her Extended Project have both secured places to read History at Durham.

PE and Sport remain areas of special strength at King Alfred's, with Harriet Talbot's A*A*A* for Sport and Exercise Sciences at Birmingham and Josh King's triple Distinction* for Sport, Coaching and PE at Oxford Brookes (after a year working as an apprentice in our own PE faculty) being examples of excellence in both the A level and BTEC routes respectively. Paramedic Science is another course popular with our strongest BTEC students; Amber Gregson's offer from Coventry was unconditional, but congratulations to her on her double Distinction* in Health & Social Care and her Distinction* in Applied Science.

Head of Sixth Form Tim Lawrence said "It has been a privilege to work with this year group, who have worked closely with staff and have supported each other so well through various challenges. Whilst we rightly celebrate students who have achieved the very top grades at this time of year, I would also like to mention several that have made exceptional progress during their two years in our Sixth Form, thanks to their determination, 'grit' in the face of adversity and hard work. Luke Cheshire has A*AB to read Law at Cardiff despite significant training commitments with Glamorgan CCC. Sarah Gerard has achieved ABB for Primary Teacher Training and Jess Clark four Distinction* grades for Children's Nursing. Josh Brett has ABB grades and Jack Rooke ABB - with an A* for a great Extended Project - and both are considering their future options, as is Evie Butler whose BBB grades represent a huge success, considering the very challenging year she's had. As a whole year group our students have contributed hugely both to the school and local community, and they very much deserve their success."

Headline figures:

Number of students completing Year 13: 137 (134 last year)

With grades A*-E: 99% (99% last year)

With grades A*-B: 65% (63% last year)

With grades A*-A: 38% (40% last year)

Ends.

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