

King Alfred's Academy Sixth Form

KS5 Results – Press Release

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'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 match the school's best ever. In particular the proportion of A level entries awarded an A* or A grade - 33% - matches our best ever, while the proportion of Distinction* grades for equivalent BTEC National qualifications - 59% - far exceeds the previous best.

Head of Sixth Form Tim Lawrence said "This year group has responded with great positivity to a challenging two-year journey, with most A level students taking at least one of the new linear courses. They have worked extremely hard, have supported each other admirably and fully deserve their successes. I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous support they have received from our staff and from their families."

A number of individual performances deserve special mention. Sam Farrington tackled Additional Further Maths independently, as well as an A level Electronics course taught via video conferencing, and secured grades A*A*A*A*A and a place to read Mathematics at Durham University. Elliot Cheetham, with grades A*A*A*A*A* will read Physics at the University of Surrey, while Anna Harris, also with A*A*A*A*A* and an A* grade in an Extended Project Qualification will read Natural Sciences at Cambridge. Also going to Cambridge are Anna Kirk, with grades A*A*A*A* and an A in her EPQ, to read Natural Sciences and Maddy Elliott, also with A*A*A*A* and an A* in her EPQ, to read Geography. Tom Mawdesley with grades A*AA and an A* in his EPQ has secured a place to read History at Oxford. Ciara Watkins will be applying for Law this autumn with grades A*A*A*A*.

Another year of exceptional results in A level Mathematics has supported many students in their applications to top research universities. Ellie Wilson, with grades A*A*A*A* will read Mathematical Physics at Nottingham and Richard Woolley with A*A*A*A* has met the most challenging possible conditional offer to read Chemical Engineering at Imperial. Also noteworthy are Ayshe Ozbayraktar with A*AA who will read Biomedical Science at UCL and Armand Halgreen with A*AAC who will read Mathematics at St Andrews. Across A level Mathematics and Further Mathematics courses 61% of grades were A or A*. We are also delighted with strong English literature results in the first year of a new linear A level, with 83% of results at grades A*-B. Congratulations to Luke Edwards with A*A*A* and a place to read English Literature and Creative Writing at Warwick.

Headteacher Jo Halliday added "We are delighted with the performance of students on our vocational BTEC courses, which are becoming increasingly popular nationally as they provide a great route onto many sought-after university courses. Distinction* grades are needed for these, so it is great to see so many of our students securing them thanks to their consistent hard work in the areas of Medical Science, Sport, Business, Dance and Health and Social Care. Taking an additional A level or Extended Project Qualification alongside their BTEC courses has given some of our top students a great advantage too." For example Izzie Hale and Leah Robinson have both secured double

Distinction* grades in both their Medical Science and Health & Social Care Diploma courses, as well as A grades for their EPQs. Izzie will be studying Adult Nursing at UWE while Leah will be studying Paediatric Nursing at Oxford Brookes. Meanwhile Ellie Galbraith has secured a double Distinction* in Medical Science, another Distinction* in Health & Social Care and a B grade in A level Sociology and will be applying for Psychology courses this autumn.

We are proud of the achievements of all of our students, in terms of their academic successes and their impressive commitment to extra-curricular activities too varied to mention here. We wish them all the best as they leave to embark on an exciting range of future opportunities.

Headline figures:

Number of students completing Year 13: 134 (147 last year)

With grades A*-E: 99.5% (99% last year)

With grades A*-B: 63.5% (53% last year)

With grades A*-A: 40.0% (27% last year)