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THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL ANNOUNCES A LEVEL RESULTS 2018

The Cotswold School announces that the Sixth Form examination results achieved by students this summer have once again been Outstanding.

- 🎯 **Over one-third of all A Level grades awarded at A* or A**
- 🎯 **Two-thirds of all A Level grades awarded at A*, A or B**
- 🎯 **Fourteen Cotswold School students (12% of the cohort) achieved an impressive three or more A* or A grades**

Will Morgan, Principal, comments *“These figures maintain the strong examination performance of The Cotswold School students and I am delighted to see such high A Level grades achieved again this year. These new linear A Level examinations are tough and our students and staff have risen to the challenge. It is brilliant to see such a high proportion of top grades and to see the great progress that our students have made throughout their time at The Cotswold School. I am extremely proud of the staff, the students and their families who have all had a key part to play in this success. These results will open some fascinating and exciting doors to higher education and careers.”*

Phil White, Deputy Principal & Head of Sixth Form continues, *“Congratulations to all our students for their excellent examination results. It is wonderful to see so many happy faces of the students, parents and teachers this morning. They have worked extremely hard for these grades. As well as the very positive A Level results, we have seen a significant improvement in the AS Level results this year, so well done to our Year 12s too, who are well positioned to achieve great things next year. Along with our new £2 million Sixth Form Centre and teaching facilities, 2018 has been an exciting year for our School.”*

Around half of all Year 13 students will further their studies at Russell Group Universities, including students progressing to Oxbridge. Coupled with some excellent apprenticeship offers and gap year experiences, The Cotswold School students can look forward with optimism to the years ahead. The diverse range of subjects which the students will go on to study is a testament to the School’s broad academic curriculum and consistent high quality of teaching.

Phil White concludes, *“Students don’t just achieve high grades without having to overcome many challenges along the way. These young people can now look forward to beginning their university courses, apprenticeships or employment. The Cotswold School has given them a superb educational start in life.”*

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Individual highlights include:

Jake Skelton followed up his four A grades at AS Level last summer with four A* grades in A Level Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics this summer. Jake, who enjoyed taking part in Oxford and Cambridge Union debates during his Sixth Form studies at The Cotswold School will progress to Clare College, **University of Cambridge**, to study Natural Sciences. Among Jake's many other accomplishments during his final year was gaining a silver award at the prestigious UK Chemistry Olympiad.

Rosie Mutsaers has achieved an A* in A Level History and A grades in both English Literature and French. As well as competing in the English Schools National Cross-Country Championships and learning three musical instruments over the past five years, Rosie has developed a deep interest in Classical Languages and History. Her archaeological dig at Chedworth, lecture days at Oxford and Cambridge Universities and broad academic reading led her to apply to study Classics at university. Following her excellent A Level results, Rosie will now be taking up her place on a four-year Classics degree at Gonville & Caius College, **Cambridge**.

Rebecca Hoadley has backed up her outstanding record of straight A*s at GCSE and four A grades at AS Level, by attaining two A* and two A grades in her A Levels of Biology, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics this summer. These excellent results propel her on to study **Medicine at University College London**. Not only has Rebecca worked extremely hard to achieve these grades, but she has also had the benefit of support within the school from Dr Gina Hadley, a former Cotswold School Head Girl who is now a doctor at the John Radcliffe Hospital and lecturer in Neurology at The University of Oxford. Amongst Rebecca's other achievements are strong performances in the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge, the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge and Biology Olympiad and a wide range of work experience in healthcare settings.

Ellen Walkingshaw has gained an A* in A Level Religious Studies, an A in English Literature and a B in French. Alongside her academic achievements, Ellen was a fantastic contributor to the musical life of The Cotswold School, playing the flute and singing in ensembles at a wide range of events and occasions. She will now take up her place to study Theology and Religion at the University of Oxford.

Pablo Fyfe progresses to The **University of Southampton** to study Aeronautics and Astronautics, having gained three A* grades in A Level Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics and an A in A Level Chemistry. He also earned a grade A in his Extended Project Qualification, where he explored the atmospheric factors that affect the performance of aeroplanes.

Robbie Lord achieved three A grades in his A Levels: French, History and Spanish. He will now read for a degree in History and Modern Languages at the **University of Exeter**.

Sam Blackman - the outgoing Head Boy at The Cotswold School - achieved grades A*, B, B in History, English Literature and Sociology respectively. An excellent public speaker and leading member of the School's Debating team, Sam will now study History at **The University of Bristol**.

Luke Ellison achieved one A* and three A grades in his A Levels of Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. He achieved a spectacular score of 592 out of 600 in his A Level Mathematics examination papers. Luke will now study Electrical and Electronic Engineering at **The University of Southampton**.

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Zoe Jenkins achieved two A*s in A Level Music and Mathematics and a grade B in A Level History. A regular performer on the cello at school concerts, Zoe will study Music at Cardiff University.

Jacob Hawley achieved one A*, one A, and one B in his A Levels of Art, Geography and English Literature respectively. He now intends to study Fine Art at The Glasgow School of Art.

Tom Pawley achieved grades A*, A, and A in History, Economics and Geography, respectively. He also gained a grade B in his EPQ, where he wrote an extended essay on the subject of economic growth and productivity in the UK economy. Tom will study Accounting and Business at The University of Reading, where he successfully applied for a sponsored degree programme with the global professional services company PwC.

Beth Hill – Deputy Head Girl at The Cotswold School – achieved fantastic results of A*, A*, A in her A Levels of Drama, Psychology and History. Beth will now read for a Psychology degree at Lancaster University.

Amy Goodman achieved three A grades in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics and will now study Biomedical Sciences at The University of Bristol.

Jim Robb gained an A* in A Level Economics, A grades in Geography and Mathematics and a B in Business Studies. He also achieved a grade A in his EPQ, where he focused on the prudence of gold as an investment. He now progresses to Bristol University where he will study Accounting and Finance.

Ben Logan, who joined The Cotswold School for his Sixth Form studies, achieved three A grades in Economics, Geography and Psychology and will go on to study Economics and Management at Cardiff University.

Laura Harrison also joined The Cotswold School for her Sixth Form studies. She has made outstanding progress in achieving three B grades at A Level in Music, Psychology and Sociology. She has won a place at the prestigious Guildhall School of Music.

AS Level results this summer are also very strong, with some particularly noteworthy results, including Emma Parker who gained five A grades and seven other students gaining four A grades - Tom Skelton, Esme Newton-Grain, Brooke Maskell, Ella Sweeny, Jacob Sanderson, Annabelle Silcock and Kai Wilkinson.

Carla Terroba-Taylor also achieved stunning results. When she found out before Christmas that her family would be moving to Spain in the summer of 2018, she decided to endeavour to complete full A Levels in Spanish, Psychology and Sociology *in just one year*. Carla and the staff who went the extra mile to provide intensive 1-2-1 teaching can be justifiably proud that she achieved grades A* and two Bs!

Note to Editor:

The success of the Sixth Form, in recent years, has seen a steady growth of students attending, excellent examination results and increasing numbers of students winning places at Oxbridge, Russell Group universities and higher-level apprenticeships. The new centre utilises various green technologies including natural ventilation, high levels of natural daylight, externally located solar shading and high insulation levels and is constructed of robust, ethically sourced materials. Facilities provided include:

- 🌐 A multi-purpose ground floor common room, equipped with multimedia facilities and kitchen facilities
- 🌐 A first floor large study area equipped with over 60 new PCs and plenty of extra study space for students who bring their own devices or wish to use books and paper!
- 🌐 Various offices, meeting and counselling rooms and two classrooms for bespoke Sixth Form teaching and learning

The next Sixth Form Information Evening is on Thursday 15th November 2018, 6.30 to 8.00 pm.

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