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A* AWARDS OUTSHINE! THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL ANNOUNCES A LEVEL RESULTS

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

- 🎯 **Significant rise in A* and A grades: 19% of all grades are at A* and 41% at A* or A.**
- 🎯 **Two-thirds of all A Level grades awarded at A*, A or B.**
- 🎯 **Ten Cotswold School students achieved an impressive three or more A* or A grades, including one student who gained five A* grades.**

Will Morgan, Principal, comments *"I am delighted to see such excellent results from our Year 13 students this year and I congratulate them all for their hard work and determination. This is the first cohort to sit the new, tougher A Levels across all subjects and our students have clearly risen to the challenge, fantastically well supported and well taught by the staff at The Cotswold School. This Year group have also benefitted from the superb facilities provided by new Sixth Form centre. It is particularly pleasing to see such a high proportion of A* and A grades this year and these results have opened up exciting doors to higher education, apprenticeships and careers. I wish them all well for the future."*

Phil White, Deputy Principal & Head of Sixth Form continues, *"Our Year 13 students have been a wonderful group of young people to work with and they really deserve the excellent results they have achieved today. This is not just the result of two years of hard work but is the culmination of their learning throughout their time in secondary and also primary school, so I think that credit must also go to all the people that have taught, guided and helped them across these years. Thank you to the teachers and support staff at The Cotswold School – your amazing work is really appreciated. And thank you to all the parents and guardians of students at Cotswold – your support is vital. In my experience hardly anyone sails through life easily; most people have challenges to face on the journey and this is certainly true for many of our Year 13 students – so, well done for persevering and achieving these impressive results and very best wishes for the next step."*

Around half of all Year 13 students will further their studies at Russell Group Universities, including three 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 testament to the consistent high quality of teaching across the curriculum at The Cotswold School

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The Cotswold School is also proud to announce that three candidates have surpassed their entry requirements to head to Oxbridge.

Emma Parker achieved a sensational five A* grades in English Literature, French, Mathematics, Spanish and Extended Project. Emma has won a place at Cambridge University to study Linguistics, a degree course which draws on elements of philosophy, physics and psychology, which will allow her to continue to pursue her interest in human language. Emma's Extended Project explored which teaching/learning strategy could be considered the most effective in teaching a foreign language.

Ethan Hadad secured his place to study Arabic and a subsidiary language at the University of Oxford, having gained two A* grades in A level History and Economics and an A grade in Spanish. His consistent enthusiasm, diligence and the depth in interest he has shown throughout his secondary education means these excellent results are thoroughly merited.

Isobel Kennedy will be taking up her place to read Psychological and Behavioural Sciences at the University of Cambridge. She achieved a very well-deserved A* in A level Biology and A grades in both Mathematics and History. Alongside these Isobel completed an Extended Project on 'Exploring the socio-economic status on early childhood development', for which she achieved grade A*.

Further Individual highlights include:

Robbie Hughes worked with great interest, effort and resilience throughout his time in the Sixth Form and has been rewarded with three A grades in his A levels of Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics, winning him a place to study Medicine at Brighton & Sussex Medical School.

Tom Nicholls worked very hard to secure his place to study Medicine at the University of Sheffield, by gaining three A grades in his A levels of Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

Tabitha Davies achieved two A* grades in A level Geography and History and an A grade in A level French. She also completed an excellent Extended Project, where she investigated 'Exploring who would be considered the most under-appreciated figure in the Civil Rights Movement in America?', achieving a well-deserved A* grade. Tabitha now goes on to read Geography at Durham University.

Theo Hayward gained three A* grades in his A levels of Geography, Mathematics and Physics. He goes on to study Civil Engineering at a Russell Group university.

Brooke Maskell gained three A* grades in her A levels of Biology, Geography and Mathematics, and will be progressing to the University of Bristol to read Geography.

Esme Newton-Grain achieved two A* grades in A level Biology and Mathematics and an A grade in A level Chemistry. She also completed an excellent Extended Project, where she focused on 'Exploring which of Agatha Christie's most lethal poisons in her novels would be most effective as a murder weapon and the hardest to detect' achieving a well-deserved A* grade. Esme now goes on to Liverpool University to study Chemistry; her degree will include Research in Industry.

Elliot Ocanagil-Tunstall has won a place to study Medical Engineering at Leeds University, having gained an outstanding set of A level grades: three A*s in Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics.

Hal Pett, Deputy Head Boy at The Cotswold School, gained three A* grades in his A levels of Fine Art, History and Religious Studies and now goes on to read Philosophy, Religion and Ethics at the University of Birmingham.

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Jacob Sanderson, who joined The Cotswold School for his Sixth Form studies, achieved an outstanding three A*s in his A levels of Economics, Geography and History. He has won a place to read International Management at the University of Manchester.

Tom Skelton repeated his brother's Jake's feat from last summer by securing straight A* grades in his A levels! With his three A*s in A level Fine Art, Geography and Psychology, he will progress to an Art Foundation course.

Kai Wilkinson achieved an outstanding set of A level results: three A* grades in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics, and an A grade in Chemistry. He will go on to study Mechanical Engineering at the University of Bristol.

The Department of Education recently conducted research on the progression of sixth form students to Russell Group Universities over the past three years, with The Cotswold School placed in the top six schools in Gloucestershire.

The Cotswold School will run its next Sixth Form Information Evening for prospective applicants on Thursday 14th November 2019, 6.30 to 8.00 pm.

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