GRESHAM'S PUPILS CELEBRATE EXAM RESULTS

On 18th August pupils at Gresham’s School celebrated their A level results, with 96% of pupils passing their exams and an impressive 81.3% achieving A*-C grades. The A-level results follow the School’s outstanding International Baccalaureate results which were released in July and comes after an Independent Schools Inspectorate (ISI) inspection saw Gresham’s graded as ‘excellent’ in all nine of its categories. The ISI noted that: “Gresham’s fully meets its aims in that the day and boarding pupils should realise their full potential and achieve the highest standards possible in their learning.”

Headmaster, Douglas Robb, said, “I am so very proud of the pupils, and they should be very proud of themselves. They have seen their hard work and commitment pay off and I would like to wish them success and happiness as they make their journey onwards from Gresham’s. We delight in celebrating successes of our former pupils, and I am looking forward to sharing great news from the class of 2016.”

Former Head Girl, Lily Denham (far right), from Thorngate, achieved three A's in Chemistry, French and Maths and will take up her offer from the University of St Andrews to study French and Management. Sophie Hare (right), from Docking near Kings Lynn, gained 2 A's in English and French and 2 As in History and Maths. She will study Modern Languages and Cultures at Durham University. Sophie, like Lily, found that past papers helped her and said that she “treated her mocks as though they were the real thing.”

Harriet Kemble (left), from Great Snoring, will now head off to Nottingham Trent University to study Primary Education after achieving A's in ICT and Art and a B in Geography. A delighted Harriet, who completed her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award while at Gresham’s, said: “I want to become a Primary School teacher to make a difference” as she credited her own teachers with helping her grow in confidence.

Gresham’s School would like to wish every one of the Class of 2016 the very best for a happy and successful future.

Gresham’s GCSE pupils celebrate exam success.

Also celebrating exam success, on 25th August, were GCSE pupils, with an impressive increase in the pass rate (A*-C) up to 93.5% from 90.6% last year. More than half of the pupils gained A*-A, an increase on 2015 and 76% gained A*-B grades, another increase on 2015 results. A* grades remained strong at 21%.

Headmaster, Douglas Robb, said, “This is a great day for our GCSE pupils, they have achieved a fantastic set of results and can be very proud of themselves. These results reflect a great deal of hard work and determination and I’m delighted to be able to celebrate their success with them today. Together with strong A-level and IB results, this year has been a very successful one and demonstrates Gresham’s commitment to helping pupils reach their full potential and achieve the highest standards possible in their learning.”

Many pupils are now making preparations to join Gresham’s Sixth Form including Billy Buckingham (above right), from Holt. Billy achieved 6 A*s and 4 As and will study History, Geography and Maths at A-level. Visibly delighted, Billy did admit to being nervous on arrival at school and said: “I am so pleased and am really looking forward to starting in Sixth Form. I am heading to Norwich today to get everything I need for September.”

Daisy Quicke (below), from Holt was first to arrive at school and was rewarded with 6 A*s and 4 As. Daisy, who is currently learning lines for the School’s production of Guys and Dolls, offered advice to future GCSE pupils: “Focus equally on each subject, even the ones you’re not so keen on. Think that everything will be useful and always write clear notes you can read over and over again.” Daisy is joining Gresham’s Sixth Form to study A-levels in English, History and Theatre Studies.

After achieving 9 A's and an A, Academic scholar, Bill Carter (right), from Cley, admitted to being “pretty happy”. Bill, who passed a Level 2 Powerboating course during the summer, is now planning on studying the International Baccalaureate Diploma at Gresham’s Sixth Form.

www.holtchronicle.co.uk