Students heading to top universities

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Beaming faces were aplenty yesterday after sixth form students nervously opened their precious envelopes.

North Norfolk’s three main schools offering A-levels - Paston Sixth Form College in North Walsham, Sheringham High School and Gresham’s School – recorded between 73pc and 85.5pc A*-C A-level results.

Half a dozen students from Paston Sixth Form College, in North Walsham, will be taking up university places at Oxford or Cambridge this year - matching Paston’s record last year.

The college’s overall A-level pass rate remained the same as last year, at 88pc, but principal Kevin Grieve said staff were particularly pleased that more than 50pc of students in 16 subjects had achieved top A*-B grades, which was an improvement on last year.

It was another successful year at Gresham’s School in Holt where students celebrated securing places at some of Britain’s best universities.

Headmaster Douglas Robb said: “I am immensely proud of all our pupils. The results achieved today reflect the hard work and dedication the pupils have put in over the past two years.”

After a consistent record of high-achieving cohorts, the sixth form centre at Sheringham High School has received more applicants than ever. Almost 100pc of students achieved grades A*-E this year, while 81pc gained three or more A-level passes.

Headteacher Dr Andrew Richardson said: “Sheringham students and staff are once again celebrating some impressive results.

“Students are off to Cambridge, Russell Group universities and other outstanding establishments and avenues of work and study with results which reflect their commitment and staff support.”

Delighted students from Gresham’s School at Holt, above left, and Martha Gras at Paston Sixth Form College, North Walsham.

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