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EXAM RESULTS 2019

HCS CELEBRATES PUPILS' HIGH A-LEVEL SCORES

Hereford Cathedral School students celebrated outstanding successes in this year's A-Level results, with over 70% of all entries being awarded A*-B grades and nearly half of all students securing nothing less than a B grade.

Art, which is a particular strength of the School, performed exceptionally well this year, with all candidates achieving at least an A grade. Three students, William O, current Head of School Lily M, and Emily L, who joined HCS Sixth Form from Malvern St James, secured A* grades in the subject. Harriet G who was Deputy Head of School this year and international student

Wendy F, who had not studied Art before joining the school two years ago, both gained A grades.

Business Studies and Economics results were also strong for HCS this year, with 80% A*/A grades in Economics and 83% A*-B in Business.

The School is impressed with its students' overall achievements, with 100% A*-B grades in seven subjects. Headmaster Paul Smith said: "I am very pleased for our students, who have worked diligently to achieve excellent results and who are now able to embark on their future careers."



A-LEVELS 2019 KEY FACTS

Over **70%** of all HCS A-Level pupils achieved all A*-B grades

Seven subjects were awarded **100% grades A*-B**

Almost **50%** of pupils secured nothing less than a B grade in all subjects

STRAIGHT As FOR DEPUTY HEAD OF SCHOOL, PELHAM

Hereford Cathedral School pupil Pelham G gained a clean sweep of As in his A-Levels in biology, chemistry and geography.

Pelham, who joined the school aged four and has served as Deputy Head of School this year, returned to his roots as a gap student at Hereford Cathedral Junior School this year.

He said: "I was over the moon with my results, pleased that all the hard work I had put into studying had paid off. I am very excited and grateful for my gap year placement at the Junior School. After that I'll be off to study geography at university."



BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD FOR KEZIA AND JOANNA

Congratulations to Hereford Cathedral School pupils Kezia R-W and Joanna M on their outstanding A-Level results. Kezia achieved AAB and is off to the University of Nottingham to study veterinary medicine, while Joanna will be reading medicine at Queen's University Belfast after gaining A*AA.

Kezia R-W, who achieved all A*/As at GCSE, has continued her success at A-Level with As in biology and economics and a B in chemistry. On top of her studies, Kezia had to fit voluntary work and work experience into her schedule in order to secure her university place: "I've done over 200 hours of work experience, volunteering at the Riding for the Disabled Centre and I've worked in veterinary clinics around

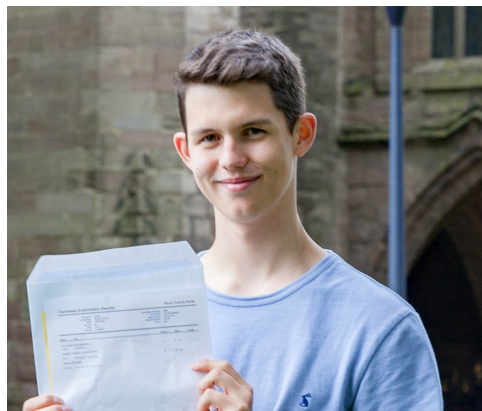
Hereford. The school have been really supportive of me, it's been fantastic."

Joanna M achieved an exceptional A* in maths and As in both biology and chemistry. She will be going on to study medicine at Queen's Belfast, following in her father's footsteps. Joanna, whose parents are both doctors working locally in the county, said: "It feels like the hard work has paid off. I got so much help from all the teachers, so it wasn't entirely down to me. My Mum and Dad are both doctors and Dad went to Queen's as well. I think he was more excited than I was!

"I've really enjoyed Sixth Form. I joined HCS in Reception and the school has just got better and better."

OSCAR GETS GRADES FOR LAW AT BRISTOL

Oscar S was astounded to gain A*, A and B in economics, history and English literature. Putting much of his success down to the support of his teachers, Oscar said: "I'm just so happy. I got A*AB and it's the B in English which I'm so happy about. I've got a place at Bristol for Law so I'm really excited."



SARAH HEADS FOR WARWICK AFTER TRIPLE-A SUCCESS

Sarah B gained a clean sweep of As in her A-Levels in biology, chemistry and French. She will be taking up her place at Warwick University in September to study biochemistry.

Sarah said: "I joined here in Year 9 from Moor Park. I really like it at HCS and the Sixth Form has been really good because you get one-on-one tutoring a lot because the classes are really small, especially in French."





JU-JITSU STAR LIBERTY WINS FIGHT FOR TOP GRADES

Despite spending up to 12 hours a week in training as a two-time Brazilian ju-jitsu world champion, Liberty M has stormed through her GCSEs. Liberty, who competes every two to three months, still managed to find the time to study, gaining 10 grade 9s and two grade 7s. An elated Liberty said: "It has been quite crazy, but the school have given me so much support that made it so much more bearable than I thought it would be." Liberty joined the school in Year 9 from Bishops and settled in immediately: "HCS has been really welcoming so I couldn't have asked for anything else!"

ANOTHER EXCELLENT YEAR FOR GCSEs AT HCS

Hereford Cathedral School students celebrated another year of excellent GCSE results in 2019, with almost half of all entries awarded the highest grades of 9-7, and nearly a third of all grades at 9-8 (A* equivalent).

Fourteen exceptional pupils achieved all 9-7 (A*/A) grades, with 13 pupils boasting five or more top grade 9s. In 11 of the school's subject departments, over 50% of entries were awarded grade 7 and above (equivalent of grades A*/A). Results for the Maths Department were outstanding, with over 85% of grades in further maths at the very top grades A*/A*/A.

Headmaster Paul Smith said: "I am delighted to see so many pupils achieve or exceed their targets. Congratulations to those high-flyers, each of whom has achieved a large number of the top grade 9. However, I also applaud those pupils who might not have reached these dizzy heights of academic achievement, but who nonetheless have excelled in their GCSEs."



OUTSTANDING RESULTS FOR WILL AND ALFIE

The school's top-performing GCSE pupils, Will P and Alfie O have achieved a staggering 23 grade 9s between them. A brilliant mathematician, Will recently scored in the top 1.5% of the UK Intermediate Mathematical Challenge and was handpicked to take part in the UKMT Maths Summer School at the University of Leeds. Will was delighted to have achieved an A* in maths and

the top grade A* in further maths: "I put in a lot of work, but it's worth it in the end. I've been here since Year 7 and I've enjoyed every second. The teachers have been really helpful in every subject."

Alfie said: "It was a lot of hard work and I know lots of people say this, but there genuinely is that support there to really help you when the going gets tough."

POLLY CONTINUES ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Polly S, who achieved an A* in her French A-Level last year aged just 15, has gone on to achieve outstanding GCSE results. She has been awarded seven grade 9s, three grade 8s, one grade 7 and the top mark of a three in classical Greek. Polly credits her teachers with helping her gain such excellent results: "Some of the teachers have really been amazing."

Will and Alfie achieved 23 grade 9s between them at GCSE



LASZLO STRIVES FOR CAMBRIDGE FUTURE

Laszlo B has his sights set on Cambridge after achieving a remarkable set of GCSE results. Laszlo was awarded five grade 9s and is looking forward to studying maths, further maths, physics and chemistry at Hereford Cathedral School Sixth Form: "I would hopefully like to go to Cambridge to do theoretical physics and then physics research as a career."



Ben P, Polly T and Will P were all top achievers in music GCSE

A GOOD YEAR FOR MUSIC AND ART GRADES

The Music Department continues to thrive at Hereford Cathedral School, with 83% of GCSE entries awarded top grades 9-7 (A*/A equivalent) this year. One of the high flyers this year was Polly T, who recently achieved her ATCL Violin Diploma, an exam usually taken in the first year of music college.

The HCS Art Department also enjoyed similar success, with 22 pupils achieving grades 9-7. Many of the GCSE art students will continue to study fine art and textile art in the school's sixth form and are hoping to go on to match the success of this year's leavers, who achieved 100% A*/A at A-Level this year.



GCSE RESULTS 2019 KEY FACTS

1/3 of Hereford Cathedral School pupils achieved nothing less than a **6**

Nearly **50%** of HCS GCSE grades were 9-7

Nearly **1/3** of all GCSE grades were **9-8**

In **11** departments over 50% of grades were 7 or above



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FORTHCOMING OPEN EVENTS:

Senior School and Sixth Form Open Mornings:
Saturday 21 September & Saturday 16 November;
Sixth Form Open Evening: Thursday 3 October
Junior School & Nursery Open Morning: Friday 15 November

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