

Outstanding results for borough's schools

Records broken for some as students celebrate

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Students raised the bar this year with 29 per cent achieving top A* and A grades, up three percentage points on last year (26 pc).

Cllr Danny Chalkley, cabinet member for children and young people, congratulated students on their "outstanding" results and said: "Parents will be rightly very proud and my thanks go to schools and teachers for doing such an excellent job for our young people."

Thousands of teenagers made the nail-biting journey in to school after a two-month wait but most were able to breathe a happy sigh of relief after learning they had their place at university this September.

Staff and students at Paddington Academy in Maida Vale celebrated record pass rates at A-level this year, with an impressive fifth (20 per cent) of all pupils achieving top A* and A grades.

The number of students securing A*-B grades jumped to 50 pc from 43 pc last summer, mirrored by number of students achieving A*-C grades rising to 78 pc, marking a

rise in success rates in each of the last four years.

Peter Jones, principal, said: "The staff are very pleased that our sixth formers have been rewarded for their hard work over the past two years and throughout their time at Paddington Academy. It is great to see our students complete their school careers and go on to excellent universities.

"We are proud of them all and of our staff for the hard work they invest in helping our students achieve so highly."

A large proportion of this year's 141 A-level candidates secured a place at their chosen university or vocational training course, with many students achieving outstanding sets of results.

Louis Silawi-Ahwazi will read chemical engineering at Imperial College London after achieving A*,A*,A*,A in biology, chemistry, mathematics and economics while Sabina Begum, who achieved A*,A*,A in English Literature,

psychology

and history will read history at Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge.

Linah Al-Siri is heading to UCL to read chemical engineering after receiving A*, A, A grades in chemistry, mathematics and Arabic and Tom Mecca has secured a place to study physics at the same university after collecting A*,A, A in maths, further maths and physics.

Staff and pupils at Marylebone C of E school were "delighted" by their Year 13 students' results this year, with 33 per cent of girls achieving top A*-A grades and 14 pc of all top grades being A*.

In total 88 pc of all A-level candidates achieved A*-C grades.

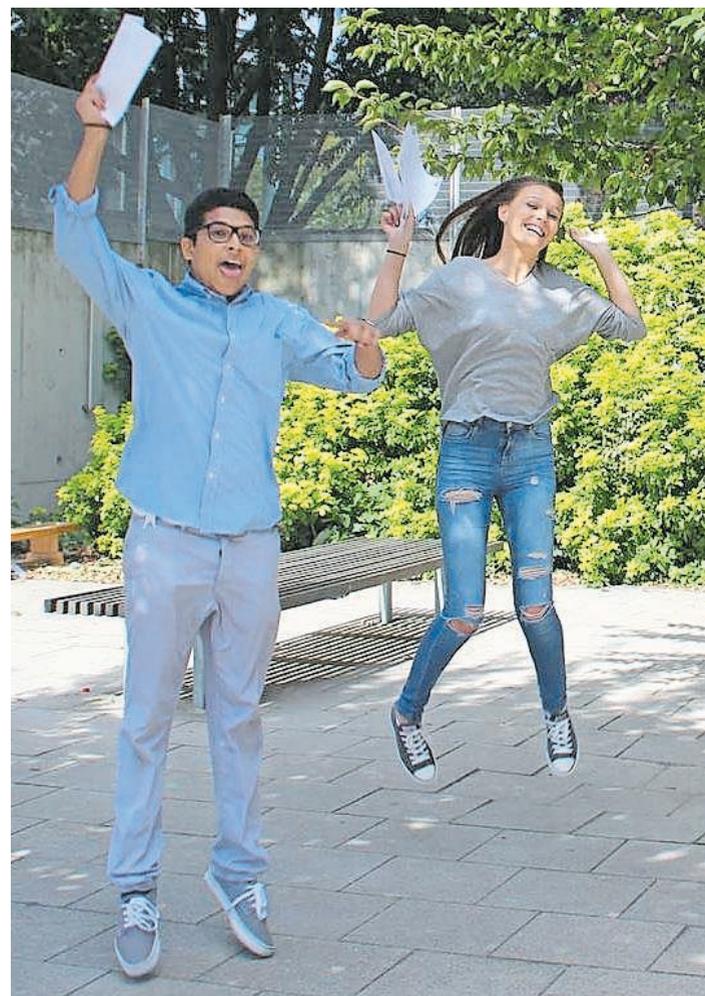
Headteacher Kathryn Pugh said: "We're really delighted with the results. Staff and pupils have worked so hard. I think what this shows is that A-levels are not getting easier, it shows students who work hard and persist and persist succeed.

"If you'd have asked me three years ago if one third of this year group would have all A*s and As, I would have been cautiously optimistic but I never would have anticipated this success!

It's definitely down to the 'Can-do' attitude of the teachers and students."

Many of the girls achieved outstanding results and secured a place at their chosen university, with four students heading to Oxford and one set to take up their place at Cambridge to study architecture in October.

Staff and sixth formers at Francis Holland school,



an independent school for girls in Regent's Park are celebrating their best ever A-level results with 61 per cent of candidates achieving the top A*-A grades, while 90 per cent of all grades were A*-B.

This year 80 pc of students scored A* in their Extended Project Qualifications, which are worth half an A-level.

Vivienne Durham, headteacher, said: "These splendid examination grades are a result of extremely

hard work by our students and by their teachers.

"I am delighted that our girls have been so successful in achieving their chosen university places and we wish them much happiness for the next stage of their lives beyond Francis Holland."

Highbury resident Katia Pagano achieved an outstanding 3 A*s in biology, mathematics and physics and will read physics at Imperial

■ **Students from Francis Holland School celebrate after collecting their results**





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College, London.

Many students secured places at top universities including Lucy Streeten, who will read history at St Peter's College, Oxford while Rebekah Hornsby will read Classics at Robinson College, Cambridge and Margot Smith will read natural sciences at Fitzwilliam College Cambridge.

Quintin Kynaston Academy in St John's Wood has notched up record results for the second year

running, with 40 per cent of sixth former students scoring A*-B grades, up five pc on last year's cohort.

The number of students scoring top A*, A and B grades increased across the board, with 30 pc of maths students scoring A*, 77 pc of students securing a distinction in the ICT BTEC qualification and 94 pc of Extended Project Qualification achieving A*-B grades.



■ Left, girls at St Marylebone C of E School are delighted with their results and below, students at Paddington Academy celebrate record-breaking A-level success

Many students secured places at top-ranking Russell Group universities including Wenni Yuan, who is off to study mathematics at UCL after collecting A*, A*, A, B, B in maths, biology, chemistry, further maths and physics.

Lorik Morina who scored two A*s an A in maths, economics and history will be joined by Meriton Sllamniku, who scored A*, A*, A in maths, economics and government when they both start the highly competitive economics degree at the London School of Economics in September.

Norah Al Nassar scored A*, A*, A, A in maths, psychology, further maths and economics and will be studying maths with economics at London School of Economics.

Headteacher Alex Atherton said: "It is so pleasing that the aspiration and resilience shown by the students have resulted in such wonderful results.

"They deserve all of the success coming their way. Congratulations also to the staff who worked so hard for them. With the new Sixth Form Centre we will be in an even stronger position next year."

Staff and students at Portland Place school have seen a bumper set of A-level results, with 74 per cent of students achieving A*-C grades.

Nearly a fifth (19 pc) of all sixth formers at the independent secondary achieved the top A*-A grades, showing a slight rise in standards on last year and the overall A*-E coming in at 94 pc.

Many students were delighted



to secure places at their chosen universities.

Headmaster David Hyman said: "I am delighted to see our students rewarded for all of their hard work and determination.

"Contrary to the national picture, our results at the top level show a slight increase on last year with nearly one in five grades being awarded at A* or A. The majority of students have therefore been able to take up places at their first choice University to continue their education.

"I am very proud of the achievements our students have made this year and wish them every success in the future."

Sixth form students at Westminster Academy in Harrow Road celebrated a record-breaking 80 per cent of students gaining top A*-A grades and 95 pc of all entrants achieving A*-B.

A total of 97 per cent of students passed with A*-C grades and there was a 100 pc A*-E pass rate. Students entered for the International Baccalaureate

Diploma last month achieved an average of 35 points, storming ahead of the worldwide average of 29.88 points.

Outstanding IB students Gabriela Jaroszweska, Bence Koranyi and Zakri Zulkurnain achieved 41 points (equivalent to more than 4 A*s at A-level), with Zakri Zulkurnain setting off to read Geography at Jesus College, Oxford University.

One hundred per cent of students on this year's first full cohort of IB entrant met their chosen university offers.

Labinot Krasniq not only achieved excellent grades in all subjects, but beat thousands of other nominees nationally to win 2015 Outstanding BTEC IT Student of the Year at the National BTEC Awards.

Patrick Farmbrough, senior leader for sixth form, commented, "We're all thrilled by the progress made by this year's cohort; they have thrown themselves in to their courses, worked extremely hard, and they fully deserve their success."