

# of iceberg for teenagers

## One faced surgery, while another chased thieves

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Girls at South Hampstead High are celebrating the school's best A-Level results in recent memory – as 97 per cent of the grades awarded were A\* to B.

Eva Sprecher, of Kentish Town, gained four A\*s and is set to study experimental psychology at Oxford University.

She said: "I'm really surprised. I wasn't expecting this at all. I had to ask if it was a mistake."

She will be joined at Oxford by fellow pupils including Sophie Ross, who achieved three A\*s and an A. She will read classics, while Alice Sandelson, of St John's Wood, was awarded two A\*s and two As and will read history.

### Hospital

For Lili Hamlyn, the nerve-racking wait for results was overshadowed after she fell on a radiator and part of it became lodged in her head.

The 18-year-old had been taking part in a creative writing course in New York when she slipped. The valve pierced her skin and she had to go to hospital with part of the radiator still attached so that surgeons could remove it safely. Luckily, there was no damage to her brain or the surrounding arteries.



■ Lili Hamlyn and (right) Harry Ashman, Thomas Dindyar and Simon Lack

Lili said: "It made me less stressed about my results and gave me something else to think about."

She achieved an A\* and two As and will also go to Oxford to read English.

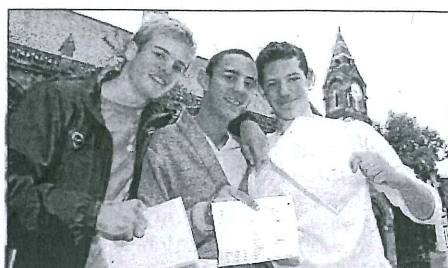
Highgate School pupil Harry Ashman was also relieved to receive his results after he fractured his fingers before the exams while chasing two burglars out of a house. He was babysitting two seven-year-olds at the time.

He said: "I got in a fight with a burglar three days before the exams so I did quite well all in all."

"I was babysitting when two guys broke in upstairs and I chased them out of the house with a cricket bat. I slammed down the window behind them and fractured some fingers."

"It hurt a lot and I fainted in my French exam."

Harry was awarded three A\* in geography, economics and



French and is going to Birmingham to study economics and geography.

Pupils and teachers at Haverstock School in Chalk Farm were also delighted as students gained university places.

Tohemena Begum, of Kentish Town, achieved an A\* and two As in the sciences and plans to read pharmacy at the London School of Pharmacy.

Abdulla Bedir, 19, of Chalk Farm Road, will study medicine at King's College in September after gaining three As and a B.

He said: "I'm chuffed to have got in to medical school. I always wanted to do medicine because I have an interest in science and I'd like to be able to make a difference to society."

Deputy headteacher Caroline Davis said: "We're really pleased that so many of our students are heading off to university and that they have got such good results. It's a real achievement for them."

### How schools fared

School	A*-C 2011	A*-C 2010	A*-E 2011	A*-E 2010
Highgate Wood School	78	71	97	98
Hampstead School	77	77	100	100
Francis Holland School	89.8	91.3	98.8	100
South Hampstead High School	100	98	100	100
Henrietta Barnett	99.5	98.4	100	100
Alexandra Park	79.1	77.8	99.7	100
La Swap	75	74.5	97.5	98
Paddington Academy	84	81	99	99
Greig City Academy	68	66	96.1	94
Westminster Academy	76	76	100	98
University College School	99	97.2	100	99.7
Camden School for Girls	93.2	93.8	99.5	99.9
Fortismere	88	87	100	99
Hornsey School for Girls	60	54	100	99
Haverstock	99		99	
South Camden Community School	74	68	99	97
Channing School	88.1	87.7	100	100
St Augustine's	66.7		94.1	
St Marylebone	87		99.2	
Highgate School	98.8	96.9	99.6	99.6
Quintin Kynaston	61.1		96.8	

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