

A level results Summer 2010

From the Headmaster

I am delighted to report that our A level results this year have been a spectacular and record breaking success!

22 pupils achieved the equivalent of at least 3 A grades or better with our star performers being Lizzie Green (3 A* grades), Laura Compton (2 A* and 2 A grades), Bill Cousins (2 A* and 2 A grades) and Tim Mac (2 A* and 1 A grade). In previous years the average number of pupils who have achieved straight A grades has been about 12. The overall A*/C grade rate was 87.7% the highest on record and the overall A*/A rate was 39% also the highest on record and an 8% increase on 2009.

There has been a great deal in the press in the recent past concerning competition for university places. I am very pleased to report that the vast majority of our U6 form leavers have been accepted at their first or second choice university – testament to their excellent results and hard work but also to the guidance that they have received from our careers' department, their tutors and in particular from Sarah Godfrey our Head of Sixth Form.

There has also been a great deal in the press about the new A* grade. I welcome its introduction; it has enabled our most able candidates to demonstrate their outstanding level of ability and it will result in pupils aspiring to the very highest standards. Incidentally an A* grade is awarded to candidates who have achieved an A grade at AS level and 90%+ at A2 level.

Our L6 form pupils also performed well this year at AS level and I anticipate equally good A level results in summer 2011.

Howard Blackett