



## Stellar set of GCSE results

King's pupils were thrilled with their GCSE results, after a turbulent year, which saw schools closed and exams cancelled due to Covid-19.

- 46% of all grades at 9/8 (A\*)
- 70% of all grades at 9-7 (A\*/A)
- 86% of all grades at 9-6 (A\*-B)

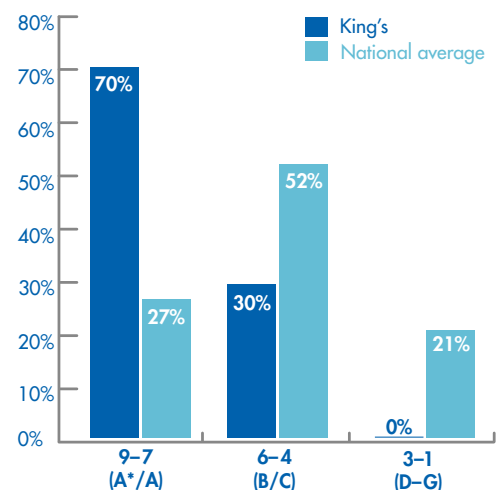
King's Head of Foundation Jason Slack said: "These results are rightly rewarding for a year group who had worked tirelessly both before and during lockdown."

**Pictured are just some of the top achieving pupils. Back row,** from left are: Cricketer and rugby player Harry Owens, who got five 9s, five 8s and a 7 and ultimately wants to become a doctor. Mackenzie Blackaby, who got ten 9s and a 6 in Further Maths, wants to read Computer Science at Cambridge. Electric guitar player Max Parks Szymborski, who got four 9s, six

8s and a 7 and wants to work in high-tech car design. Accomplished athlete and county runner Claudia Rodriguez-Martinez, who got five 9s, six 8s and a 7 and wants to read Medicine. Jack Phillpotts, who got eight 9s, two 8s and one 7 and says he enjoys life at King's, "because of all the extra-curricular opportunities." RAF Air Cadet Alex McCall, who got eight 9s, two 8s and one 7 and wants to work in the digital sector. Black belt taekwondo expert Tommaso Roncaroli, who got eight 9s, two 8s and one 7 and will study Politics, History, English Literature and Latin at A Level.

**On the front row** are: Emma Graham, who achieved 11 grade 9s wants to be an engineer. First XI Hockey player Euan Usher, who got seven 9s and four 8s and hopes to apply to Oxbridge colleges to

read Biochemistry and Genetics. Track cyclist Trinity Mack who got 11 grade 9s and one 8 and will study Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Psychology in King's Sixth Form. Hockey player Holly Burke, who got seven 9s, three 8s and one 7, is hoping to study Medicine. Rugby captain James Miller, who got nine 9s and two 8s and wants to study Economics, cites "the sport" as his favourite part of life at King's.





# A Levels set new record

Our Year 13 pupils produced a stunning set of results at the end of what was an unprecedented academic year. Pupils were delighted that their hard work had been rewarded and they were able to move on to the next stage of their learning journeys.

Overall, achievements are up on the previous year's excellent results:

- 22% of all grades at A\*
- 61% of all grades at A\*/A
- 89% of grades are A\*–B

Mr Slack said: "I am full of admiration for this superb group of young people: they have faced turmoil, uncertainty and change over the last few months and have had to be flexible and

resilient. Despite the challenges, their achievement has been recognised and this enables the overwhelming majority to join their first choice university, whilst others have chosen routes such as higher apprenticeships, which are increasingly popular.

"The hard work of these students throughout their time at King's and their achievements not just academically, but across a range of musical, creative and

sporting disciplines, will ensure their future success in their chosen fields."

In the prestigious Extended Project Qualification (EPQ), which is valued by universities, 82% of all grades are at A\*/A.

Students are going on to study a wide range of courses – from Art to Medicine and law – at the country's most prestigious institutions.

84% of students achieved their first choice of university

69% of students are joining Russell Group universities

3 students are joining Cambridge University

Pictured (from left) are:

**Timothy Parkinson** from Wilmslow, who achieved three A\*s in Maths, Further Maths and Physics and an A in Music. The talented musician is now going on to read Mathematics at Durham University.

**Olivia Holder** got two A\*s and an A, plus an A in her EPQ, and will now read Law at Durham University.

**Aisling Day**, a cellist in the Hallé Youth Orchestra, was shocked and relieved to get four A\*s, which means she can now study Chemical Engineering via Natural Sciences at Cambridge University.

School Captain **Kieran Cullen** achieved A\*s in Biology, English Literature, Maths and Chemistry and will now study Medicine at Claire College, Cambridge. Kieran, who has been a star member of the King's drama troupe both on and off stage, is looking forward to a career focused on helping others.

**Grace Harrison**, from Henbury, got three A\*s in English, History and Business and was thrilled by her results. "I worked very hard to get



these results and I am delighted to be able to go up to Leeds to read History."

And **Joshua Howdle**, (not pictured) achieved three A\*s in Maths, Further Maths and Physics, plus an A in Chemistry. The Chair of the Sixth Form Council will now read Chemical Engineering via Engineering at Peterhouse College Cambridge.

Josh was the Project Manager for the King's Engineering Team which won the 2019 North West region EES Project and was awarded the Innovation Award and Gold Crest Award. His longer term ambitions are to become a Consultant Engineer.



**Lucy Gosnay**, from Wilmslow, achieved an A\* in Psychology, an A\* in Business, an A in English language and an A\* in her EPQ. The grade 7 violinist is now going to study Psychology at the University of York. Long term, Lucy hopes to become a clinical psychologist.



**Nico Caplin**, from Alderley Edge, achieved four A\*s in Religious Studies, Politics, Psychology and his EPQ. The 1st XV rugby player will now head off to the University of Bristol to study a Masters in Psychology with Innovation. Longer term, Nico hopes to work as a British Army Intelligence Officer.



**Nicole Tadjeran**, from Congleton, achieved the A Level results she needed to pursue her life-long ambition to study medicine. Nicole was awarded an A\* in Psychology and straight As in Chemistry, Biology and her EPQ. Nicole will study Medicine at Leeds University and wants to be surgeon.



**Abby Todd**, from Poynton, was delighted to have been awarded the three A\*s to study Medicine at Sheffield University. She achieved A\*s in Chemistry, Biology and Physics, plus an A in her EPQ. Abby said: "I would love to be an A & E doctor. My dream would be to one day do humanitarian work in less developed hospitals in poorer countries."



Talented musician and athlete, **Jodie Foxton**, from Whaley Bridge, achieved an A\* in Geography and As in Economics, Chemistry and her EPQ. Jodie, who is a county runner, a pianist and has achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Gold, Silver and Bronze awards, said her long-term ambitions are to work in corporate finance. She is now joining the University of Liverpool to study Accounting and Finance.



**Harri Bowen**, from Buxton, achieved straight As in Maths, Economics and Geography and is now going to study Economics and Business Management at Newcastle University. The rock guitarist, rugby player and DofE Bronze Award holder says his long-term ambition is to eventually run his own business.



**Hannah Robinson**, from Bramhall, achieved an A\* in Religion & Philosophy plus As in her English Literature and History A Levels and is heading to the University of Manchester to study English Literature. The Sports Leadership Award holder has long-term ambitions to become a journalist.



Cross country runner **Peter Goodfellow**, from Siddington, who achieved four A\*s in Geography, History, Economics and his EPQ. He is now joining Durham University to study Physical Geography. Long-term, he hopes to help people protect themselves against climate change.

# Year 13 University Destinations & Courses 2020

Bangor University	Marine Biology
Courtauld Institute of Art, University of London	History of Art
Durham University	Geography
Durham University	Law
Durham University	Mathematics
Durham University	Philosophy
Durham University	Modern European Languages & History
Edge Hill University	Sports Therapy
Harper Adams University	Environmental Land Management
Harper Adams University	Mechanical Engineering
Imperial College London	Medicine
Lancaster University	Biomedical Science
Lancaster University	Business Economics
Lancaster University	Advertising & Marketing
Liverpool Hope University	Computer Science
Liverpool John Moores University	Pharmacy
London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London	Politics & Economics
Loughborough University	History
Loughborough University	Economics
Loughborough University	Psychology with Criminology
Loughborough University	History & International Relations
Manchester Metropolitan University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Modern Languages & Business Studies
Newcastle University	Economics & Business Management
Newcastle University	Politics and History
Newcastle University	Agri-Business Management
Newcastle University	Geography
Newcastle University	Geographic Information Science
Newcastle University	Chemical Engineering (Industry)
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Law
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Business Management
Newcastle University	Marketing & Management
Newcastle University	Dentistry
Northumbria University	Business with Management
Nottingham Trent University	International Business
Nottingham Trent University	Business Management & Marketing
Nottingham Trent University	Business Management & Marketing
Nottingham Trent University	Architectural Technology
Nottingham Trent University	Business Management & Economics
Oxford Brookes University	Business & Law
Oxford Brookes University	Business & Marketing Management
University of Aberdeen	Psychology
University of Birmingham	Environmental Science
University of Bradford	Clinical Sciences/ Medicine Foundation
University of Bristol	Psychology with Innovation

University of Bristol	Management
University of Bristol	Modern Languages
University of Bristol	Social Policy & Politics
University of Bristol	Environmental Geoscience
University of Bristol	History & German
University of Bristol	Neuroscience
University of Cambridge	Medicine
University of Cambridge	Chemical Engineering (via Natural Sciences)
University of Cambridge	Chemical Engineering
University of Central Lancashire	Forensic Science & Criminal Investigation
University of Edinburgh	Astrophysics
University of Hertfordshire	2D Animation & Character for Digital Media
University of Leeds	International History & Politics
University of Leeds	Mechatronics & Robotics
University of Leeds	Civil & Structural Engineering
University of Leeds	History
University of Leeds	Chemical Engineering
University of Leeds	Dental Surgery
University of Leeds	Medicine
University of Liverpool	International Business
University of Liverpool	Medicine
University of Liverpool	Accounting & Finance
University of Liverpool	Hispanic Studies (Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Latin American Studies)
University of Liverpool	Law
University of Liverpool	International Business
University of Liverpool	Business Management
University of Liverpool	Film Studies with Philosophy
University of Liverpool	Sociology and Business Studies
University of Manchester	English Literature
University of Manchester	Electrical, Electronic & Mechatronic Engineering
University of Manchester	Civil Engineering with an Integrated Foundation Year
University of Manchester	International Business, Finance & Economics
University of Manchester	Economics
University of Nottingham	Politics & International Relations
University of Nottingham	History & East European Cultural Studies
University of Nottingham	Economics
University of Nottingham	Environmental Science
University of Reading	Modern Languages
University of Reading	Real Estate
University of Salford	Physiotherapy
University of Sheffield	Medicine
University of Sheffield	Biomedical Science
University of Sheffield	Law
University of Warwick	Philosophy, Politics & Economics (PPE)
University of York	Psychology
University of York	Business & Management
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