

PRESS RELEASE

POOLE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

“Stunning A Level success”

Poole Grammar School students achieved some stunning results this year with a 99% pass rate and just over 66% A/B grades, (excluding General Studies) with over 50% of pupils achieving three A/B grades or better. 25 subjects had 100% pass rates and the school's twelve Oxbridge candidates produced some quite outstanding individual paper results. Candidates for other universities also scored some quite stunning results, for example Bristol bound aeronautical engineer David Thomason achieved 6 grade A A levels. Alex Dowding was amongst the top 10 candidates nationally for Religious studies and will be studying Theology and Philosophy at Oxford and Tom Clements was also a top 10 student in Biology and moves onto Bristol to study Medicine.

Ian Carter, Headmaster said,

“I am extremely pleased that so many boys achieved the grades their first choice Universities demanded of them, given just how competitive entry to the top universities is now. The school was particularly pleased with its Oxbridge candidates who gained places despite increased competition from around the world. Equally those boys who are taking GAP years and applying next year will be doing so from a position of strength. Those pupils going straight into employment take with them a firm foundation for their careers and we wish them well, particularly those going onto officer training in the services at this time.

It is also good to see that despite national trends the number of students taking challenging A levels such as Maths, English Literature, Computer Science, Geography and the Sciences continues to be Poole Grammar School's largest subject entries. These results are a testament to the hard work and dedication of students and staff and should be celebrated as these young men go onto the next stage in their lives whether in the world of work or in Higher Education.”

Ian Carter
Headmaster
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