

24<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Dear Parents

It has been another joyful day at St Augustine's Priory as students have been in school collecting their GCSE results today. Last week I wrote to you about A Level success, and I am delighted to announce that all our Priory Sixth students have now secured a place at university for the coming academic year. Congratulations to them all.

Similarly to A Levels, GCSEs have returned to more "normal" grade boundaries with the number of higher grades falling overall. We are delighted that, despite this national backdrop, our results continue to demonstrate the commitment to learning of our students and the dedicated support that they receive from their teachers. 16% of all GCSEs were Grade 9, the highest grade available, and well over a third of all grades (37%) were 8/9 (the old A\*).

Individual successes include Sofia Diaz who achieved 8 GCSEs at Grade 9 and a further 2 GCSEs at Grade 8 and Isabel Jeffries who achieved 7 GCSEs at Grade 9, and a further 4 GCSEs at Grade 8. Also, special mention to Hannah Shahid and Caterina Lincoln who both achieved 8 GCSEs at Grade 9, with all grades 7 and above. Sofia and Hannah are our latest Mary Tredway scholars and we are very much looking forward to them starting their A Level studies in September at Priory Sixth.

At St Augustine's Priory, we pride ourselves on the breadth of our curriculum and ensuring that all students find the right path for them, whether it be creative or STEM subjects, Humanities, Languages or Religious Studies. All students find their niche and 88% of our pupils achieved a grade 7 or above in at least one subject.

While we congratulate girls who have earned the top grades, we also celebrate those students who have exceeded expectations at every level. Grading is back to normal, but we know that, in their separate ways, all our Year 11 students have had to overcome the disruption to their school lives during the Covid years. We cannot share every example where a grade 4, 5 or 6 represents an incredible achievement - but be assured we know how hard-earned they have been.

Thoughts now turn to the beginning of the new school year, and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone back after the holidays. As always with the start of term, there will be several communications regarding arrangements for the return to school from me, Phase Leaders in the Preps and Pre-Preps and Heads of Year in the Seniors. Please do take the time

to read this important information and as always, feel free to contact me at [head@sapriory.com](mailto:head@sapriory.com) if you have any matter you wish to discuss.

I wish you and your families a wonderful bank holiday weekend.

Best wishes

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