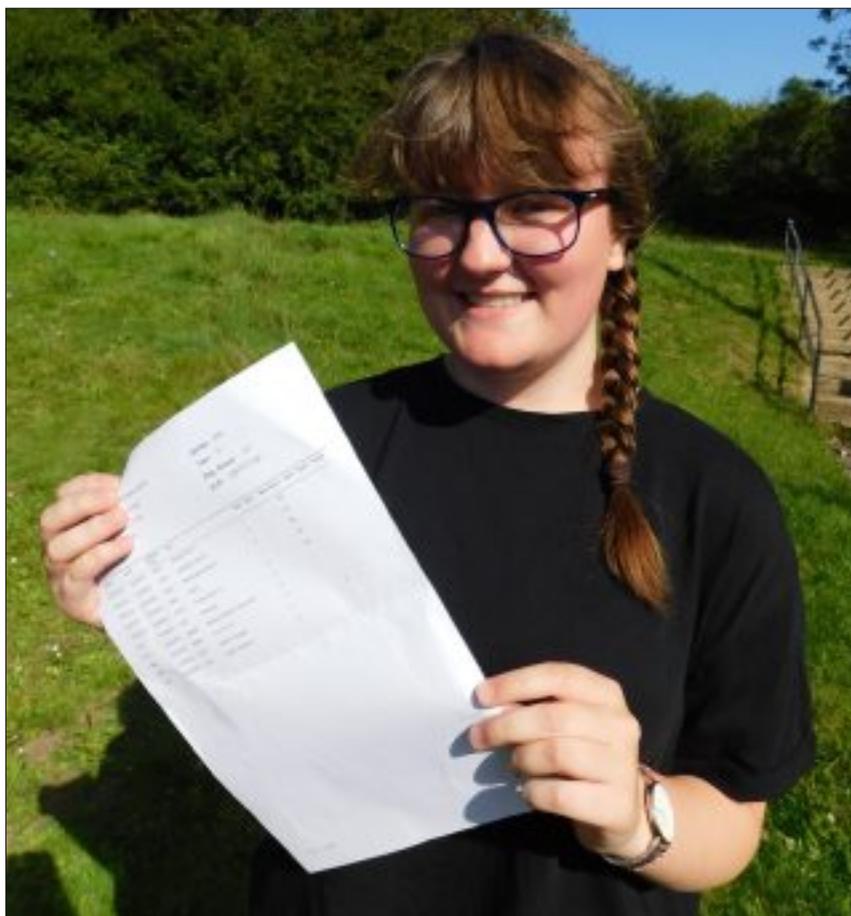


Head Boy Ashwin Gohil is planning to study his chosen A-Levels subjects this September



Oliver Warren's dedicated revision to his exams paid off



Phoebe Proud plans to pursue her A-Level studies at Davenant Foundation School this September

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## Phoebe's exam success despite skiing accident

A Davenant Foundation School student achieved GCSE exam success despite missing crucial pre-exam school time after fracturing her back while skiing.

Phoebe Proud discovered she had achieved four top Grade 9s in her ten exams in between recovering from a skiing accident on Thursday, August 22.

The secondary school pupil fractured three vertebrae in her neck and back and also broke a rib when she crashed head first into a pole in Maine, USA, during the Easter holidays.

As a result, the teen had to wear a cervical-thoracic brace (a neck brace connected to a body brace) which restricted her movements.

Miss Proud said: "At times it was very uncomfortable. It also hindered my work as I got tired very quickly and sitting in the same place for a long time was uncomfortable."

She added: "The recovery has been long but not quite as long as waiting for my exam results!"

The Year 11 pupil lost three weeks worth of school in the run-up to her exams, fortunately, she has secured her place at Davenant Foundation School's Sixth Form this September.

Miss Proud plans study for A-Levels in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Geography, with hopes of pursuing Biology/Bio-Medical Sciences at university.

She said: "Some of the exams were very hard and I didn't get to do nearly as much revision as I wanted to, but the work I did before the accident paid off in the end."

Phoebe's mum, Kim Schofield, said: "Phoebe worked hard from the beginning of her GCSE courses in Year 10 and did well in her mocks in January and had everything all planned out.

"The trip to America had been booked for a very long time but as the time got nearer I felt Phoebe was unsure because it was ten days away from her exam schedule. However she went and then we received the phone call (of the accident).

"That was the sixth day of the holiday and the first week of the Easter holidays."

Due to Miss Proud's injuries, The Senior Leadership, Exams Officer and the Learning Support department at Davenant made special arrangements to help her take her exams.

"Being in the same house while she took the first GCSE paper was very odd," said Ms Schofield.

"When Phoebe collected her exam results I really had no clue as to how she might have done as she was taking strong pain killers during the exam period and wasn't quite herself because of those and the blow to her head."

She added: "She slept a lot and even if she worked she could only do it for short periods. She did lose time and memory and could not remember some of her previous revision."

"I honestly wouldn't have been surprised if she had flunked all her exams. When she opened her results she cried and all I could ask was 'good or bad?!'"

Davenant headteacher Adam Thorne said: "GCSEs are challenging enough so to approach them in such a positive way having just broken your back is remarkable."

"Phoebe has shown that if you have the right attitude and don't use bad situations as an excuse you can achieve your goals."

"Phoebe received her grades on Thursday with her friends and they reflect of her positivity and hard work."

"We are all so proud of her. Her story should inspire others."

# Students' hard work pays off

## GCSE glory as schools celebrate results

By Hannah Hastings

STUDENTS from across the district collected their GCSE results with many left feeling delighted and relieved with their grades.

Several Year 11 pupils achieved top grades and secured places to study A-Levels at their chosen sixth forms and colleges in September.

To celebrate the Class of 2019s achievements on Thursday, August 22, here is a round-up of how students performed at their respected secondary schools:

### King Harold Academy, Waltham Abbey

King Harold Academy on Broomstick Hall Road celebrated a record-number of students being accepted onto A-Level courses.

More than 30 of the school's highest achieving students are taking on A-Levels, they include Alfie Porter, Tegan Crosby, Katie Bennett, Toni Brancher and Anil Chatterjee.

All five teens were placed in the top 20 per cent of students nationally and achieved a Grade 7 or above in more than one subject.

Anil achieved two Grade 9s, in English Literature and Art; and Grade 7s in Biology, English language, and Maths.

Toni achieved Grade 8s in English Language, English Literature, and Art; and Grade 7s in Biology and Geography.

Davenant Foundation School congratulated Year 11s on their Twitter page, saying: "Well done to all our students, your results help you to where you are going next. New adventures await you."

### West Hatch High School, Chigwell

Students at West Hatch High School on High Road were seen signing up to join the school's sixth form after opening their GCSE results.

Headteacher Daniel Leonard said: "We are, as always, exceptionally proud of how well they have done and delighted so many are staying with us for the next two years of their studies."

"With almost half of the students achieving eight A\*-C grades or equivalent, some of our students really excelled."

The top performers at the school included Denys Nunez, Lauren Rutherford, Maddie Fitch, Lorena Ejupi and Kajan Amaran, all achieving a combined 20 Grade 9s and 15 Grade 8s.

Mr Leonard added: "We are equally proud of those who have made the most progress in their studies with students such as April Darley and Joe Greenaway who achieved on average around three grades above their expected grades across all subjects."

"All of our students have



Harper Al-Kubaisi was delighted to pass all of her GCSE exams

worked so hard to achieve their results and I look forward to seeing how they grow and develop in the future

"The Sixth Form at West Hatch is well known for its excellent provision and results, extensive range of well-established A-Level and vocational courses, its work shadowing, Extended Project Qualification, Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and opportunities to trek and travel abroad."

Details of courses open for recruitment will be available on Monday, September 5 from 10.30am. Visit [www.westhatch.net](http://www.westhatch.net)

### Debden Park High School, Loughton

Debden Park High School on Willingale Road continued their success of achieving above the national average exam results this year.

Almost 100 Grades 8 and 9s were awarded to numerous pupils across all subjects, almost matching the school's record number of A\*s attained at A-Level.

GCSE result highlights included 84 per cent of students achieving Grades 9-4 in English and 24 per cent of English Grades at 9-7.

In Maths, 73 per cent of students achieved Grades 9-4 with 18 per cent of students achieving Grades 9-7.

More than a third of students in subjects such as Art, Spanish and Computer Science all achieved a Grade 7 or above.

Headteacher Helen Gascoyne said: "We are absolutely thrilled that our consistent focus on learning throughout the school and our constant academic drive has proved yet again to enable students to achieve incredible results."

"Our students have risen to the challenge of these more difficult GCSE courses and we are extremely proud of all they have achieved."

Deputy Head Boy Max Bolton achieved seven Grade 9s, in English, Geography, History, Maths, Biology, Chemistry and Physics as well as one Grade 8 in English Literature.

Head Girl Amelie Ashton achieved three Grade 9s, in Drama, Spanish and French as well as two Grade 8s, in English and English Literature, and one Grade 7.

Amy Le achieved three Grade 9s, in Art, Biology and Chinese, as well as five Grade 8s in English, English Literature, Geography, Maths and Chemistry.

Daniel Gatty achieved two Grade 9s, in Computer Science and Maths, as well as three Grade 8s and three Grade 7s.

### Epping St John's School, Epping

Students and staff at Epping St John's School on Bury Lane were delighted with their improved GCSE results for the third year running.

In total, 38 per cent of the 260 plus students achieved a Grade 5 or higher in both English and maths.

A record number of students spent most of the morning queuing in the school hall to sign up to the Epping St John's Sixth Form.

A total of 60 per cent of the cohort achieved the national standard pass of Grade 4 or higher in the two key subjects.

In English, 75 per cent of students achieved Grade 4 or higher with 16 per cent collecting the top grades of 7 to 9.

Top grade pupil Oliver Warren, said that study clubs and Saturday school are the reasons he gained four Grade 9s and five Grade 8s in his exams.

Year 11 pupil Harper Al-Kubaisi was also pleased with her results, especially obtaining a Grade 9 in English Literature.

She said: "Some I found quite difficult and some weren't too bad, I didn't fail anything, I'm surprised I passed Maths which I am really, really pleased about."

Miss Al-Kubaisi is staying on at Epping St John's sixth form to study art, English literature and history.

Headteacher Mike Yerosimou said: "We couldn't be happier that following last week's excellent A-Level results we now have our best set of strong passes at GCSE ever."

"This is now a third concurrent year of improved results with a four per cent increase in strong passes in English and Maths and 60 per cent of students achieving passes."

"This is something we are exceptionally proud of and is a credit to both departments and our wonderful students."

"We have strengthened our maths department further for the new school year and are confident we have a team capable of delivering exceptional lessons and brilliant outcomes."

"Epping St John's has limitless potential. The students deserve stable leadership and to be taught by the very best teachers."



West Hatch High School pupils Lorena and Lauren celebrate their GCSE success

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