

16<sup>th</sup> August 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

**RE: A-level Results 2018 – COMING OF AGE...**

We are delighted to share news of today's A-level results in this, our fourth year of sending Colmers students off to university. As a relatively young sixth form college we feel we have now 'come of age' given the superb results we can now share with you.

Firstly, the proportion of all grades at the very highest level (A\* to B) grades has now reached 48% - up from 33% last year. This is down to further improvements in *all* subjects, with Psychology again producing outstanding results across the board. Sociology, our newest A-level subject, also turned in an outstanding set of results in its very first year! Meanwhile, over two-thirds of all grades (69%) were grades A\* to C and this has enabled our students to enter an array of superb and prestigious universities and courses. We could not be more proud of each one of them!

It is worth sharing a few individual stories that lead us all to feel a mixture of admiration and excitement:

- Saima Sami achieved A\* / A / A and another A\* in her Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and will study Law at The University of Birmingham.
- Josh Chalmers secured A / B / B and will now study Geography & Geology at The University of Birmingham.
- Joshua Sandy achieved A / B / B and another B in his EPQ and will study Bio-Chemistry at The University of Birmingham.
- Semra Worrall (former Head Girl) can now look forward to attending The University of Liverpool to study Psychology on the back of grades A / B / B and a further A in her EPQ.
- Former Head Boy, Alex Boscott, will be heading off to The University of Birmingham having achieved grades A / B / B, to study History & Politics.
- Julia Romanow's degree course at The University of Leicester to study Bio-Medical Sciences is secured following her B / C / B grades and a further A\* in her EPQ.
- Ben Parker will be our Sixth Form's first ever Medicine undergraduate having secured A / A / A and will now be off to The University of Birmingham to eventually become a doctor. Ben joined us from Turves Green Boys' School at the end of Year 11 - and we know that they are also very proud of him indeed!
- Finally, Amy Allsop is packing her bags in time to begin her History degree course at The University of Southampton following her B / B / C grades.

Whilst these provide some of the highlights from this year's set of results, they can never reveal the sheer commitment and perseverance required to be successful during A-level studies. This year in particular, all of our students were very, very special indeed and we were fortunate to educate our most dedicated group of A-level students ever - illustrating that great teaching is very important, but each student's personal commitment is always the difference between average and great results. Well done to all of our graduating Year 13s and a quick mention of our current Year 12s, about to enter their final year of A-level study... Like their predecessors they embody the right spirit towards learning and their future and we have every reason to expect they will reach and surpass this year's results in twelve months' time!

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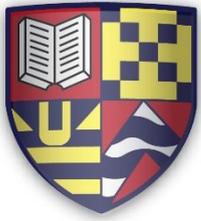
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Lastly, I wish to express my deepest thanks to my colleagues who have worked so hard to enable these students to reach their potential and dare to have those dreams. There is no way of communicating to you how much happens behind the scenes to ensure that our sixth form gives each student a completely personal experience – the very essence of what a school sixth form provides. In Mr Charlett and Ms Thompson, we have been very fortunate indeed to have such excellent leadership and insight.

We now look forward to record numbers joining our sixth form in September and welcome final applications in the days ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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