



Academic News

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Our Upper Sixth and Year 11 Cohorts have excelled in co-curricular activities and embraced the importance of values, all whilst achieving fantastic academic results.

Reflecting the School's authentic commitment to holistic education, we continue to offer three pathways in the Sixth Form: the International Baccalaureate Diploma, A Levels and BTEC Extended Diplomas in Sport and Business.

Our IB Diploma students achieved a record-breaking 38.3 point average (with 45 the maximum). Out of the 30-strong cohort, 12 students scored 40 or more points, putting them in the top 4% of IB students worldwide. Sophia Assitzoglou scored the maximum 45 points and is now reading Liberal Arts at Freiburg University, Germany. Twins Salman and Adnan Yaqub collected 45 and 44 points, respectively and are now both studying Medicine at Anglia Ruskin Medical School.

Bursary Ambassador Ore Fashesin-Souza is continuing his passion of Filmmaking at Emerson College, Boston after scoring 38 points. Meanwhile, Alex Lockyer (39 points) is studying Medicine at the University of Bristol where he is also the recipient of the Vice-Chancellor's scholarship for students with exceptional Artistic and Creative talent. With 42 points in the bag, Charlotte Ellison is also at Bristol, where she is reading Law. Once again, our BTEC cohort gained outstanding results with the average BTEC student achieving the equivalent of A*AA at A Level and 5 students gaining the equivalent of A*A*A* at A Level. All 31 of our BTEC students secured their first choice outcome, whether that be university or apprenticeships.

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I am very grateful for all the support from teachers. I have been at Brentwood for 15 years and couldn't have asked for a better school.”

Among the many diverse courses students went on to study, nine have selected to study Engineering, be it Civil, Mechanical, Automotive or otherwise. In addition, eight students are pursuing a degree in Politics/International Relations, and a further five students are studying Computing, an indication of our aim to prepare students for the jobs of the future.

Faris Fahal, who has been at Brentwood since the age of 3, collected a clean sweep of 3 A*s and is now reading Arabic at New College, Oxford. Meanwhile fellow Deputy Head of School, Duaa Sultan is studying Medicine at the University of Exeter after also achieving 3 A*s (and EPQ A*).

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A remarkable 17 students opted to study a range of MDV courses, covering Medicine, Biomedical Science, Dentistry, and Veterinary Sciences demonstrating the strength of the School's comprehensive MDV programme. Business, Economics and Management remain popular pursuits with 30 students following these pathways.

Our Performing Arts cohort took up a wide range of creative courses, such as Theatre: Writing, Directing and Performing at the University of York, Music Performance and Production at London College of Contemporary Music and Film and Television at the University of Reading. Two students gained places at top conservatoires; Devon Adams is studying Acting as East 15 whilst Oliver Maltby is reading Music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

A considerable number of students have moved to the world of work or Apprenticeships, with students now working in the Insurance, Finance and Property industries. Isabelle Sawyer joined AON as a Insurance and Reinsurance Underwriter, whilst Leo Troubridge is training to become an Accountant at ACA and Sophie Breathwick learns the ropes at Project Management at Amazon.

Celebrations for GCSE Cohort

Excellent GCSE results were achieved by our Year 11 students this summer, with 56% of grades being A*s and As (9-7), and over 96% of results awarded were A*-C (9-4).

A remarkable 12 students achieved the maximum 72 points, by securing 8 x 9 grades (A*). One of such students is Pippa Philpot who is continuing her studies at Brentwood's Sixth Form, whilst also taking up an inaugural place on our Specialist Music Programme, which offers elite coaching, mentoring and training alongside and as part of our holistic curriculum. Twins Sam and Max Kingsley achieved no fewer than 14 Grade 9s between them, all whilst earning international honours representing Great Britain in skiing.

As a year group, they have fully embraced our holistic education, excelling in both academics and co-curricular activities while showing remarkable personal growth. Alongside their impressive GCSE results, they have developed a strong sense of values and character. The vast majority of the year group have stayed on at Brentwood, enriching our Sixth Form, with their talents across the board.

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