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## PRESS RELEASE: Summer 2020 A-level Results

Headteacher, Barry Doherty, writes...

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR A LEVEL STUDENTS

We are extremely pleased to announce that our Year 13 students celebrate another round of great results in our outstanding sixth form. In a year like no other, we can share news that results have continued to rise in each of the A\*-A, A\*-B and A\*-C thresholds. All of this reflects the hard work of our deserving students and dedicated staff.

- A\* A Grades: 33%
- A\* B Grades: 59%
- A\* C Grades: 87%

We also ensured that the traditional collection of results could take place and have been delighted to see so many students come into school and leave with beaming smiles.

The achievements of individual students each tell their own unique story and journey but we are delighted to mention the following students who, between them, achieved an astonishing forty A\* and A grades: Tom Ashton, Alex Blackmore-Sly, Molly Duff, Maddy Fisher, Megan Hayes, Ellis Hewins, James Howard, Megan Kyte, Jacy Taylor, Anna Thompson, Charlotte Warner and Felix Wigzell

Whilst these are very early days, 85% of students that applied to university have already secured places at their firm or insurance choice with 75% of these being their first choice. These are higher proportions than ever before and reassuringly means that the sorry ends well for the vast majority of our students. Naturally, we turn our full attention to those whose destinations are not yet clear and will work closely with them to secure places or agree a different solution.

Our thanks goes out to all the teaching and associate staff at CNS who have worked so hard with these students for up to seven years.

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## Head of Sixth Form, Lisa De Bruyn, adds...

"It is impossible to congratulate everyone personally on their successes, but I would like to mention a few: Felix Wigzell for attaining four 4 A\* grades and his Veterinary Science place at Bristol; to Megan Kyte and Ronan Kennedy for securing their places on their respective Medical Degree courses; Jacy Taylor for securing her place at Oxford University to study Psychology and Philosophy and to all other students that are going to study their chosen degrees in September. Subjects ranging from the History of Art at Warwick to Artificial Intelligence and Computer Science at Birmingham. 40% of our students that applied to University have gained a place at a Russell Group University, which is a fantastic achievement."

However, results day is not simply about obtaining university places, for many students, it is the recognition of completing academically rigorous qualifications and a right of passage as they chose their post 18 pathways. For some students, it is the beginning of a new adventure as they travel the world on a gap year (although perhaps not in the immediate future) and or the stepping stone into the world of work. For example, congratulations to Emma Thompkins for securing a teaching assistant role at Great Tew Primary School, Ewan Graham for securing a Para-Legal Apprenticeship with The Burnside Partnership and Sam Ratcliffe for securing an apprenticeship with Wise Investment."