



PRESS RELEASE:

Summer 2020 GCSE Results

Headteacher, Barry Doherty, writes...

"From the moment this year group joined CNS as 11 year olds back in the autumn of 2015, they were regarded with great affection by staff at this school. It was a year group filled with talented, sparky, humorous and unforgettable individuals who became one family with us. They managed the sudden end of school, cancellation of examinations, home learning and bridging work with remarkable fortitude and today's excellent results go some way towards recognising and rewarding their journey with us over the past five years.

This is not the year to share results in the same way as the past. Nevertheless, it would be wrong to deny this year group the praise and accolades their hard work over five years yielded today. Ever since that first day in September 2015 they have accumulated brand new knowledge, finessed old and new skills, and become unique individuals with their own minds, outlooks, dreams and futures. Futures that they are now free to choose.

I wish to draw attention to a number of students whose progress since primary school has been truly outstanding. Whilst each student achieved superb grades in their own right, they can be particularly proud of how they have gone from strength to strength at Chipping Norton School: Enrica Dias, Elliot Stockford, Harry Ware, Jamie Youngson, Luke Wild, Mark Zatyko, Madison Loose, Edie Tomlinson, Anna Cavendish, Lottie Barrett, Louis Nagle, Ryan Jones, Jake Petyt, and Daniel Chambers - who also deserves special mention for securing a place at the Central School of Ballet in London!

Meanwhile, the following students return home today with outstanding results having achieved at least five Grade 7 to 9 passes: Oliver Ball, Georgia Bell, Jake Briggs, James Brock, Eleanor Butler, Karina Graham, Isaac Harrington, Cerys Harvey, Rose Heppell, Lauren Hester, Rory Hlustik, Zack Ibrahim, Esme Jefferson, Annabel Jenkins, Amy Jones, Anya Kennedy, Cathryn Kirk, Phoebe Latham-Mollart, Elizabeth Ledgard-Hoile, Matthew Lonsdale, Elizabeth Mooney, Rowan Moss, Antonia Muresan, Stanley Neal, Eliza Porter, Majidu Rahman, Archie Randall, Olivia Riley, Sophie Rowe, Amy Shayler, Beth Simpson, Ella Sweet, Imogen Taylor, Elinor Tomalin, Rhianna Townsend, Bella Wigzell and Polly Woodward. This is a record achievement for our school.

Particular congratulations are extended to Oliver, Georgia, Jake, Zack, Annabel, Anya, Cathryn, Elizabeth Ledgard-Hoile, Elizabeth Mooney, Eliza, Olivia, Imogen, Elinor, and Bella who each secured at least eight Grade 8 to 9 grades. Again, the scale of this is a first for our school.

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At CNS we do not believe that success in education can be measured simplistically or by grades alone. A particular grade for one child may be disappointing, whilst producing relief for another. What really matters is whether a student has secured the results that allow them to decide on their next steps – to choose their future rather than have their future chosen for them. In this regard, we are so proud and happy for our students who can now sit back, for a bit, and choose what to do next!

Families may not be aware that we found ways to enable students to come into school and collect their results in a safe manner. Whilst different to previous years, it was great to see their socially distanced faces and note their anticipation and joy. I wish to thank those staff who made sure this rite of passage was possible today. Furthermore, we do not switch off and instead help those students decide what to do next in the coming hours and days. Every student will have something to celebrate but all of our efforts are now with those who need the most support and guidance to make the right decisions about the future.

We wish every happiness and success for those whose adventures begin elsewhere and welcome with great anticipation those who will be returning to us in September into our Outstanding sixth form.”

The highlights:

English and Maths Combined:

- **79%** of all students achieved a Grade 4 to 9 in English and Maths.

English:

- **87%** achieved a Grade 4 to 9 in English.
- **72%** achieved a Grade 5 to 9 in English.
- **33%** achieved a Grade 7 to 9 in English.

Maths:

- **85%** achieved a Grade 4 to 9 in Maths.
- **67%** achieved a Grade 5 to 9 in Maths.
- **32%** achieved a Grade 7 to 9 in Maths.

Science:

- **74%** of all students achieved at least two Grades 4 to 9 in Science, with well over two thirds achieving Grades 4 to 9 in all three Sciences.