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## 90% A\* - C tops Hampshire league



**Joseph Gowers** (Ryde) and **Aliya Nurmohamed** (Cams Hill) celebrate some excellent results which will see them both go to the University of Portsmouth, **Joseph** to study International Relations and Politics, and **Aliya** to study Digital Marketing.



**Danny Hampton**, **Tom Trott**, **Connall Murray**, **Phoebe Williams**, **Alex Wilson**, **Will Rowland**, **Sam Ponting** and **Edward Gandar** each secure Oxbridge places in a record-breaking year

**A highly impressive 90% A\* - C pass rate saw Bay House's Class of 2018 out-perform all state schools and colleges in Hampshire and beat the national average by 13%. A third of entries achieved A or A\* grades.**

It was yet another year of outstanding success with a record eight students winning Oxbridge places and around 90% of students securing places at their first-choice university. When considering the results in a value-added context, the results are expected to once more place the Sixth Form within the very top A Level providers (both state and private) across the country.

Amongst the highest performers were **Edward Gandar** (Bay House) who gained A\*A\*A\*A\* and will study Physics at Oxford (Worcester); **Connall Murray** (Crofton) with A\*A\*A\*A who will read Engineering Sciences at King's, Cambridge, and **Alex Wilson** (Bay House), A\*A\*AA, who secured an organ scholarship and will study Music at Oxford (Worcester).

Other Oxbridge successes were **Danny Hampton** (Cams Hill), A\*A\*A\*, who will study Physics at Oxford (Lincoln); **Sam Ponting** (Bay House), A\*A\*A), who will study Psychology at Pembroke, Oxford, and three students who will study History: **Will**

**Rowland** (Crofton), A\*A\*A, Gonville and Caius, Cambridge; **Tom Trott** (Crofton), AAA, Lincoln, Oxford, and **Phoebe Williams** (Crofton), A\*A\*A\*, Keble, Oxford.

Other notable success stories include **Owen Holland** (Brune Park), A\*A\*A, who will study Mathematics at the University of Bath, **Alana-Jade Hughes** (Brune Park), AAA, who will study Business at the University of Portsmouth, **Ben Saunders** (Swanmore), AAA, who will take Law with Politics at the University of Manchester, and **Henry Lui** (Springfield), A\*AB, who will study Electronic Engineering at the University of Southampton.

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## Catching up with the Class of 2018: Where are they now? What are they doing?!

An outstanding set of A Level results has seen students taking advantage of a host of exciting opportunities.

Nearly 40% of students applying to university secured places at Russell Group universities, compared with 12% nationally. The University of Southampton has once again proved to be the most popular destination, with 22 students securing places in subjects including Geography, Chemistry, Computer Science, Spanish & Portuguese, Marketing, Civil Engineering, and Graphic Arts.



Anton Blake celebrates an impressive set of results

Other Russell Group universities favoured by Bay House students include Cardiff (9), Exeter (5), Leeds (4), UCL (3), and Warwick (3). Those adventurous students venturing furthest from home include **Conor Hogg** (St Mary's College) who will study Economics at Queen's University Belfast, **Megan Prothero** (Crofton) who will study Archaeology at the University of York and **Josh McCune** (Bay House) who will study French and Linguistics at the University of Edinburgh.

Various types of engineering courses have proven to be very popular, with all kinds of exciting options available to students. **James Huggins** (The Gregg School) is studying Nuclear Engineering at Lancaster University, **Alice Barker** (Bay House) is taking Mechanical Engineering at the University of Portsmouth, **Andrew Graham** (Bay House) is studying Automotive Engineering at Loughborough University whilst **Matthew Saunders** (Henry Cort) is taking Aerospace Engineering at the University of Surrey.

Careers in the medical profession have appealed to a number of students; **Imogen**



Jack Winkles, Jordan Flanagan, Jay Robinson, Fergus Ross and Andrew Graham celebrate some excellent results

**Amos** (Bay House) and **Tammi Dougan** (Bay House) will study Midwifery at the University of Surrey; **Sallina Begum** (Brune Park) will take Medical Microbiology at Leeds University; **Kaitlin Charlesworth** (Bay House) and **Melissa O'Mahony** (Bay House) will study Adult Nursing at Southampton; **Natasha Butler** will study Children's Nursing at the University of the West of England; **Molly Gerlack** (Brune Park) will study Physiotherapy at Southampton whilst **Ed Sawkins-Brown** (Crofton) and **Abhinav Saji John** (Crofton) will take Diagnostic Radiography and Imaging at the University of Cardiff. Meanwhile **Amber Feilder** (Bay House) has

secured a place to study Veterinary Medicine and Science at the University of Surrey.

Congratulations also to **Nathan Stevenson** (Bay House), who has joined the Royal Navy and begun training at BRNC Dartmouth, and to **Ariane Edge** (Crofton) who has made it through the first selection stage to join the RAF.

Finally, a big well done to **Benedict Anwyl-Knight** (Bay House) whose A\* in Computer Science placed him in the top ten in the country and secured a prize from Netcraft Ltd. He is now studying Computer Science at the University of Southampton.

## Classical historian travels from Texas to deliver inspiring lecture

Bay House School and Sixth Form was delighted to host an excellent lecture delivered by the much-respected author and classical historian Lindsay Powell earlier this term.

Coming all the way from Texas where he now resides, he managed to squeeze this talk into his busy schedule, in between podcasts for Dan Snow's *History Hit*, meetings with Tom Holland and prestigious book signings at Foyle's London bookstore.

The capacity crowd in the LRC reflected the increased interest

in ancient history generally and its growing popularity as an A Level subject. Lindsay explained how the first Roman emperor Augustus had risen to

power, and the qualities he had demonstrated in consolidating his position as *imperator*. His skill as a raconteur along with his expert knowledge of the

Roman World helped to deeply enrich the knowledge of the Ancient History students and members of the wider community who attended.



## Politics students take in the sights as they visit Parliament and the Supreme Court

A Level Politics students reflect upon an action-packed visit to London.

**Isabelle Erdogan** writes:

'Accompanied by Mrs Cotton and Mrs Bodsworth, a group of Lower Sixth embarked on an adventure to The Houses of Parliament, on a quest to overrun government...

Although unsuccessful, the day was thoroughly enjoyable. After arriving at Waterloo, we took advantage of an hour to wander around Covent Garden, before making our way to classic tourist sites such as Trafalgar Square. As if planned, we reached Horse Guard's Parade just in time for the changing of the guards! A brisk walk later and we arrived at the Supreme Court, discovering the history and structure behind it - a thoroughly interesting experience. Upon leaving, we encountered a large protest demonstration at which Jeremy Corbyn was giving a speech!



Although we missed the main parts of the speech, we still managed a glimpse of the Labour Party leader himself (a privilege for some more than others). As for the highlight of the day, visiting The Houses of Parliament was a great experience: we sat in on a debate in The House of

Commons, watched the Mace be carried into The House of Lords, learnt plenty of new content surrounding our course and enjoyed a workshop after chatting with our local MP - Caroline Dinénage! Overall it was a fantastic trip - we are thankful to the Politics department for planning such an amazing experience for us'.

Meanwhile **Connor Hedges** writes: 'Our Politics trip to Parliament had various highlights throughout the day and it is hard to pick out 'just a handful'. Firstly, it was amazing to see inside the Houses of Parliament and walk around the very spots visited by famous world leaders such as Nelson Mandela, Queen Elizabeth II and Barack Obama, not to mention the rich history within the very walls we walked between, which included murals and statues of prominent events and key figures in politics. In addition, we all managed to witness sessions in the House of Commons and the House of Lords which were intriguing to say the least, as there were many 'heated' moments as well as some hysterical ones (well to them anyway).

Furthermore, the group also visited the Supreme Court, which was astonishing while being

quite intimidating at the same time, due to the fact that some notorious cases have been decided here. Overall it was a fantastic trip and we all were extremely lucky to be a part of it! Oh, is it too late to say that we saw Prince William as well?!

**Rebecca Taylor** added: 'Looking round some of the courtrooms and visiting the Supreme Court exhibition was great - in the courtrooms we even got to sit in the judges' chairs! Our workshop about pressure groups was interesting, finding out more about them and learning about different pressure groups that we hadn't heard of before as well as learning more about suffragettes. My favourite part of the day, besides getting the obligatory McDonalds, was getting to see inside the Commons and watch a live debate.

**Dom Redpath** concludes: 'Our trip to parliament has changed my perspective regarding my future career choice; I now feel passionate about branching into politics and have an ultimate goal of becoming an MP. Overall an excellent day but I was bitterly disappointed to catch a glimpse of Jeremy Corbyn!'



**It has been a positive start to the sporting season for our competitive teams.**

This season has seen the 1st XI footballers plying their trade in a higher league following promotion last season. The fixture list has meant that only a handful of games have been played so far; however, the team has started strongly. An opening day win over Bournemouth was followed up by the 5-1 destruction of Farnborough. Recently a convincing defeat to King Edward's Southampton put the title charge back a step; however, several players were absent through injury. With that in mind **Mr Way** has set back to back promotions as the season's number one objective.

The 2nd XI have started the season with two narrow defeats, but manager **Mr Andrews** is confident that the team's blend of youth and experience will soon yield good

results. Meanwhile netball coach **Mrs Way** writes: 'The netball girls have had a really positive start to the season, working well together and giving 100% effort in all games played so far. We started the season off with a tournament at Southampton Sports Centre, where it was the first time the girls had all played together. Many combinations were tried on court with the players gelling well as a team and placing 5th overall. The team, captained by **Olivia Lis** had some solid wins at the participation tournament at Barton Peveril where they made it to the semi finals and placed 3rd overall. A strong defensive combination of **Kacey Richardson** and **Hollie Thurgood** proved effective and blocked many goal scoring opportunities for the opposition. The team were commended by other umpires for their sportsmanship and excellent attitude. Since then the team has won their first league game against Havant



and Southdowns. The last quarter saw solid defence from **Olivia Lis, Alex Mansfield** and **Ava Feculak** with unbelievable shooting from **Rebecca Dunn** and **Bonnie Simpson**. The centre court was strong with **Louise Johnson** and **Hollie Thurgood** bringing the ball out of defence and into attack. We hope to continue our success in the next round of league fixtures and tournaments - well done ladies!'

Meanwhile, a recent boys' Rugby tournament at Trojans saw Bay House perform very well with two wins against Alton and Richard Taunton, one draw and a loss. Particularly impressive was that some of the boys had never played rugby before! We wish all our teams an enjoyable and successful season this year.

**.....Reviewing the action from the Hampshire Senior Schools and Colleges League.....**

**Moggmentum Comes to Gosport**

**A select group of Bay House Politics students were recently invited by the Gosport Conservative Association to hear Jacob Rees-Mogg MP outline his vision for Brexit.**

With local Conservative members keen to hear what this sometimes controversial but charming politician had to say, the students heard his views not just on Brexit ('No Deal Better Than a Bad Deal'/'Super Canada Deal is preferable'), but also on Britishness, cutting foreign aid, establishing a military base in Poland and how serious the Russian threat could become. **Matt Payne** commented: 'Meeting JRM was an absolute pleasure. It was a surprise to us all when he came over to us

*to chat about A Level Politics. His speech was not the typical MP speech I was expecting; it was reassuringly honest, as he spoke not only of the things going well in government but of the things that aren't going quite so well, ie Brexit. All in all he appeared to be a very sensitive politician'.*

**Jess Casey** added: 'Rees-Moggs' speech was very interesting. I don't agree with him on many policies, but he was very charismatic. However, the best part was easily when Rose, a constituency member who clearly preferred Theresa May, shook her head at the thought of Mr Rees-Mogg becoming PMI!' Mr Rees-Mogg provoked a range of reactions - **Evie Cawte** added, 'I have to say



*he is extremely eloquent and also is more independent and unique compared to other politicians I have met; however, I cannot say his talk swayed my belief that he would be a damaging Prime Minister for the UK. Despite this, it was informative of the alternatives to Brexit that the media is not necessarily covering.'* Bay House Politics students are extremely grateful

to the local Conservative Association for extending our invitation and hope to visit more local party groups soon. It was brilliant to meet Jacob Rees-Mogg, and learn about the views of this (in my opinion!) wonderful conviction politician who may well one day be our Prime Minister. Having the chance to ask him questions and hear him speak was eye opening.