



headlines

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70% A* - B tops Hampshire league



Ed Hillsdon (Crofton) and **Eloise Baxter** (Bay House), who each achieved A grades in Ancient History, are both off to the University of Bristol to study...Ancient History!

Once again a fantastic set of A level results saw Bay House's Class of 2019 out-perform all state schools and colleges in Hampshire. Of particular note was the percentage of top grades, with this year seeing an impressive 5% increase in the number of A* - A grades. This places Bay House Sixth Form 13% above the national average, with 38% of students securing the very top grades. The picture was equally strong for A* - B grades, with this year's headline figure being 18% ahead of the national average and 8% in front of the nearest local competitor.

These superb results allowed around 90% of students to gain places at their first-choice university. This year marked another strong year for Oxbridge candidates, with 7 students winning places. It was a record-breaking year for students securing places to study medicine or veterinary medicine, with 10 students being successful in their applications. Placing the results in a value-added



Georgia Salmon (Cams Hill), **Louise Johnson** (Bay House) and **Megan Butler** (Bay House) celebrate some impressive results

context, it is expected that, once again, the Sixth Form will be one of the very top A Level providers (both state and private) in the country.

Amongst the most impressive performers this year were **Jade Davies-Storey** (Portsmouth Academy) who left the Sixth

Form with 2 A* and 2 A grades (plus an EPQ at A*) to study History at the University of Oxford; **Lauren Bradford** (Swanmore), 1 A* and 3 A grades, who will study Biology at Oxford (St Hilda's) and **Cam Hall** (Bay House), 3 A* and an EPQ at A* who will study Politics and International Relations at the University of Warwick. Other notable success stories include **Katie Simister** (Crofton), A*A*A* (and an A* at EPQ), who will study Medicine at London's Imperial, **Rory Norris** (Bay House), A*AAA, who will study Law at the University of Exeter and **Ashlyn Collins** (Brune Park), AAA who will study Medicine at Brighton and Sussex University.

Cam Hall (Bay House) who has a magnificent A*A*A*A* to celebrate

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Catching up with the Class of 2019: Where are they now? What are they doing?!

An outstanding set of A level results has allowed students to take advantage of a host of exciting opportunities post-18.

Over 40% of students applying to university have secured places at Russell Group universities, well over three times the national average.

The 10 most popular university destinations are Portsmouth (20), Southampton (17), Cardiff (11), Exeter (11), Bath (9), Surrey (8), Bristol (7), Bournemouth (6), Reading (5) and Sussex (5).



Ashlyn Collins secures a place to study medicine

Those adventurous students venturing furthest from home include **Zhou Fang** (Meoncross) **Angus Foster** (Bay House) and **Matthew Waugh** (Meoncross) who are off to Durham University to study Computer Science, Economics, and Business and Management respectively, **Alex Wallsgrave** (Bay House) who is studying Chinese at the University of Edinburgh and **Aaron Schofield** (Cams Hill) and **Peter York** (Brune Park) who are studying Accounting and History respectively at the University of York.

This year saw a record number of students pursuing degrees in a medical or health-related field. An impressive seven students secured places to study medicine: **Eleanor Brett** (Bay House) Southampton; **Ashlyn Collins** (Brune Park) Brighton and Sussex; **Charlotte Jakes** (Bay House) King's College London; **Ashling Miller** (Crofton) Exeter; **Oscar Millerchip** (Crofton) St George's; **Katie Simister** (Crofton) Imperial College; and **Joseph Taylor** (Bay House) Bristol.

Four will study Nursing next year: **Mia Collins** (Crofton) Southampton; **Josie Czura** (Cams Hill) Bournemouth; **Emily James** (Crofton) Surrey; **Maisie Shaw** (Bay House) Cardiff.

Three have achieved places to study Veterinary Medicine or Science: **Rebecca House** (Bay House) Liverpool; **Bethany Merrifield** (Bay House) Cambridge; and **Georgia Salmon** (Cams Hill) Liverpool, while **Megan Williams** (Bay House) will study Veterinary Nursing and Bioveterinary Science at Bristol.



Bryn Roberts, Harry Rodwell, Nathan Sitch jump for joy!



Tom Noyce and Max Alderson in celebratory mood

Two students will study Paramedic Science: **Charlotte Donohoe** (Crofton) at the University of the West of England, and **Jamie Young** (Crofton) at the University of Portsmouth.

We wish all our students well and extend particular thanks to our outstanding science team, particularly **Mrs Flemming, Mrs Giles** and **Dr Elgar**, for supporting students applying for medicine and veterinary science through admissions tests and practice interviews.

Physics students ride in circles in pursuit of chocolate reward

It isn't often that you're allowed to ride on the handlebars of someone's bike across the main playground during lesson time, but if you study Physics then you might just be the lucky exception.

In this case, students were completing a team challenge based on the circular motion part of the Physics syllabus. One team had to draw a circle of known radius in chalk. The second team had to ride the circle and use a pendulum to work out the radius of the circle, while the first team worked out the angle of the pendulum. The heat was on to be closest and win the chocolate!



Lower Sixth Graphics students enrol in record numbers and develop new range of skills

This year has seen record numbers enrolling on the A Level Graphic Communication course, with the department keen to build on the success of last year's cohort who gained an impressive 100% A* to C.

It has also seen the introduction of an exciting six week animation course, run by Mr Styler-Bradley.

The course is designed to help students develop a critical and working understanding of character design and the methodology and theory behind it. They can gain industry-level insight into the development of their own original characters, so it is especially useful for anyone wishing to create children's books, comics, animations or films.

Tutor **Mr Styler-Bradley** writes: 'The animation enrichment



course has been a huge success with really incredible work being completed. It helps the student learn more about character and the design choices to inform outcomes. The work already created showcases an in-depth working

knowledge.'

Students are clearly very much enjoying this new addition to the Graphics programme, and have been reflecting on the breadth of skills acquired on this challenging but rewarding course.

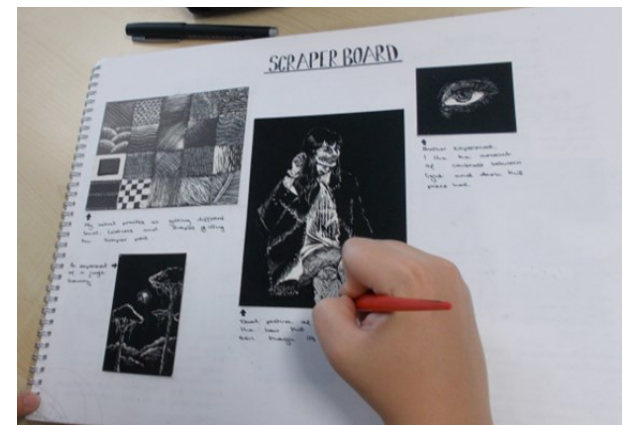
One commented: 'I took graphics because it looked really cool and creative. I like that I can experiment and be creative. I'm really looking forward to starting my first major project soon.'

Another added: 'I chose graphics as I can combine my fine art skills with digital graphics skills. I am really looking forward to enhancing my Photoshop skills'.

Developing new skills and techniques has clearly been a real plus for the students, as one reflected: 'So far I have enjoyed learning new media techniques and applying them to my work. I have especially enjoyed using watercolour as there have been many new techniques I didn't know about'.

Mr Terry, Graphics course leader.

Examples of Lower Sixth students' work in scraper board etching are shown (clockwise, from top): **Ed Garetta, Amelia Rudd, Chloe Lidington and Olivia Broome**



Students 'donate a day' and work across Gosport to support their local community

Sixth formers and tutors joined together to work for the benefit of the local community for our annual 'Donate-a-Day' charity initiative at the end of last term.

Introduced in 2012, 'Donate-a-Day' gives students a chance to help causes close to their hearts or get involved in community projects. **Ms Wark**, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, said: 'We thought it would be good for students to go out into the community and give their time rather than money; it makes the students aware of what's going on in the community.'

Earlier in the year, tutor groups discussed which organisations they would each like to support, contacted them and then, as a team, began planning the day.

Communities and charities which benefitted included Haslar Memorial Garden, Northcott House care home, Cancer Research, Wynton Way horticultural site, Fairthorne Manor, Heathfield Special School and the Rainbow Centre. Some students decided to go litter picking along Stokes Bay.

Positive comments flooded in from the organisations which hosted the students, describing the teenagers as a credit to the Sixth Form and good role models.



Mr Kneller, Mr Harte and their tutor groups offer invaluable support to Wynton Way horticultural site, a charity supporting adults with learning difficulties

Some of the students spent the day packing bags with the Gosportarians at ASDA and collecting charity funds.

Malcolm Dent from the Gosportarians said: 'The group were impeccable, along with their tutor **Mr Mannery**, and the total collected was £200.58 which will be spent on food for the Gosport and Fareham Basics foodbank.'

Mr Mannery commented on how proud he was of his tutor group, in particular **Aaron Dellow** and **Amber Say**, for 'continuing on with their Donate-a-Day work and loading

up food at ASDA from the money they raised (over £200) and delivering it to the Food Bank!'

Meanwhile **Shandrika Day**, co-founder of 'Marvels and Meltdowns', a charity supporting families with children affected by ADHD, Autism & SPD in Gosport and the surrounding areas, was similarly complimentary. She said that students from **Mrs Magnus'** tutor group 'completely surpassed our expectations and worked like absolute troopers. They were friendly, polite and well mannered as well as dedicated to getting the job done. Please send them all our thanks as they really have made a huge difference here.'

Praise also came flooding in from Wynton Way horticultural site, a charity that supports adults with learning difficulties, and visited by **Mr Kneller** and **Mr Harte's** tutor groups. **Liz Smith** said, 'I can't thank you and your work gang of students enough for the incredible hard work you all put in at our Wynton Way horticultural site. The difference you all made has saved us days working on the fruit beds, in the polytunnels

and of course the ongoing dead-heading and path clearing. We would love to see you all up here again, anytime you have a volunteers day available. You must be very proud of your students, we certainly were.'

Mr Tapp and **Mrs Dowson's** tutor groups helped at Heathfield Special School, where staff commented, 'Many thanks for your time yesterday. I have received so many emails from the team saying what good role models your students were for the children. The students gained confidence as the day went on and were happy to get stuck in. In my department, I have a clean outside area and new writing den outside. The students worked on a 1:1 with all the children to complete activities which support their IEP targets.'

Staff were really impressed with how students were encouraging and supporting our pupils during PE activities.

We cannot thank you enough.'

A huge thank you to all those who made the day such a success, not forgetting our wonderful Sixth Form Office team. Here's to 2020!



Mr Mannery and his tutor group collect over £200 for the Gosport and Fareham Basics foodbank

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North Korea Win Big at Model United Nations!

Bay House Sixth Formers won a number of awards and got controversial resolutions debated and passed at the Joseph Chamberlain College Annual National Model United Nations event in Birmingham in July.

The Bay House North Korean delegation comprised **Joe Saggs, Sam Pulman, Calum Reilly, Alex Hobbins** and **Eleanor Whitley**. **Calum** said: 'Due to my interest in the international side of politics, I joined the Sixth Form's Model United Nations team. During this we drafted policy statements and resolutions representing North Korea. During the conference I sat on the ECOSOC committee and drafted a resolution focusing upon the question of world hunger. This allowed me to research different UN departments and their interactions, such as the World Food Programme, which operates in North Korea, also reading the World Food Programme strategic report on

North Korea, which stated their policy on ending hunger in the DPRK by 2030 by providing food aid to groups of vulnerable citizens.

This conference allowed me to greatly improve my analysis, public speaking and negotiation skills, all of which are crucial in pursuing politics and international relations at university.'

Ellie Whitley added, 'Model UN has really boosted my confidence. Before joining the team, I hated public speaking and was really shy – however at this event, not only did I successfully secure support for my resolution on LGBTQ+ rights on behalf of North Korea, I also presented the resolution to the whole General Assembly, around 200 people! I'm so proud of my success – and can't wait for the next event at London in November'.

Model United Nations runs weekly as an enrichment option, open to all students.



The London MUN (LIMUN) team (l to r): **Sam Pulman, Calum Reilly, Joe Saggs, Alex Hobbins** and **Eleanor Whitley**

Health and Social Care students reap the benefits of their work placements

Health and Social Care students have been gaining work experience in a range of care settings which has allowed them the opportunity to learn whilst supporting members of the local community.

Caitlin Jones and **Eden Day**

have enjoyed working with children at a local pre-school and witnessing their cognitive development. The children have learnt a lot from the book reading and singing groups that **Caitlin** and **Eden** have supported. They have also run outside play sessions which

include activities using the slides and sandpit!

Meanwhile **Paige Haywood** has been working in a nursery with children aged 10 months to four years old. She has also helped in group reading and singing sessions. **Paige** feels

the experience is providing her with a real insight into a possible future career.

Aaron Varghese has been working in a classroom at a school helping people with phonics and has also been playing football with them.

Megan Kemp reflects on her placements: 'It's really fun helping out at Brownies; I help to organise activities and games, ensuring all the children are enjoying their evening. At the Hospital, I speak to elderly people who use services about their experiences and concentrate on doing the small things to improve their time there.'

Our Lower Sixth class is pictured on the left!



Politics Society visit London and meet Johnny Mercer MP

The Bay House PoliSoc recently visited Parliament during its prorogation – which meant they could actually get into usually unseen parts of the Palace of Westminster, the Robing Room, the Portrait Gallery and the House of Lords.

Megan Eddles reported, 'The trip was incredibly insightful. Not only were we lucky enough to see (and take forbidden photos!) inside the House of Commons, we were also fortunate in seeing the Changing of the Guard at Horse Guards Parade, and our walking tour took us past the protests outside the Supreme Court and 10 Downing Street.'

Rebecca Taylor added, 'The tour was fascinating; I enjoyed learning about the history of the Palace and it was great to meet our local MP Caroline Dinenage too who took time out of her busy schedule to meet us at Westminster Hall.'

The Politics Society also recently attended a lunch meeting with junior minister Johnny Mercer MP - although he snuck out before we could grab any photos!

Samuel-Jay Pulman said, 'It was great to meet Mr Mercer and hear his views in support of Boris Johnson becoming PM, an accurate prediction indeed! He also had some interesting views about veterans and Brexit.'

The Politics Society meets every Friday lunchtime to debate and discuss current affairs. Everyone is welcome – and a number of other projects, visits and speakers are planned for the future too.

Mrs Cotton, Politics Lead



Raising issues with Youth Parliament



Bay House Sixth Formers recently met with our UKYPs (Youth Members of Parliament) Gareth Boyes and Bethan Hoggan.

They were able to raise important issues and to find out more about what the Youth Parliament does for young people in our area.

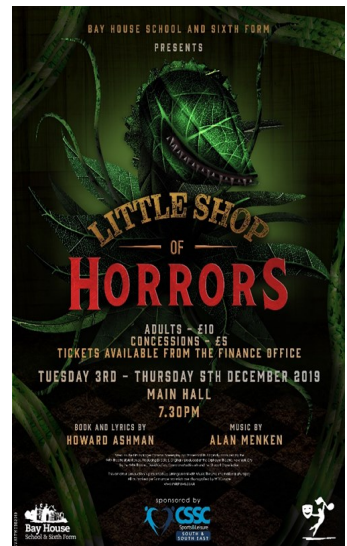
We are aiming to run future Youth Parliament debates and elections too – watch this space!



Get ready for Little Shop of Horrors!

Rehearsals are well underway for the Upper School production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

The cast includes Matt Hammond and Jake Jones in the lead role of Seymour alongside our female leads – Bobbie Garland and Amelia Wade, playing Audrey. You won't want to miss this exciting and fun performance. Tickets will be on sale from the Finance Office after half term. Look out for the Early Bird offer where tickets will be half price for one week only!



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

Mr Way, first team football manager, reflects on his team's early fixtures:

'Only the mighty Liverpool FC can boast as an impressive start to the season as the Bay House 1st XI. Played five, won five: the majority of which have been achieved in emphatic style. The season opener was a shaky affair in which we found ourselves in a losing position at half time (3 - 1 down). The boys turned up second half and won it in the last minute. Since then they've never looked back, securing big wins against Barton Peveril (3 - 0), Portsmouth (9 - 0) and Peter Symonds (8 - 0). There has been healthy competition for a place at the top of the goalscorer charts with **Kye Coletta** (7) currently holding off a challenge from **Josh Underhill** (5) and **Matt Dougan** (4). Special congratulations are due to **Josh** who has recently been selected to join the Hampshire Colleges Representative Team.

The real test for the team will come after half term with lots of media speculation around the manager, **Mr Way**, who is surely only a few more impressive results away from attracting Premier League interest. Ole's replacement?'

Meanwhile second team manager **Mr Andrews** writes:

'The 2nd XI have made a good start to the season and are currently third in the table. They have plenty of potential going forward and have chalked up some great individual goals as well as well-worked team efforts thus far. The camaraderie, as ever, is present throughout the team and we are looking forward to each match.'

Mrs Way, first team netball coach, writes:

'The netball girls have started the season well, participating in a variety of training sessions and playing two competitive matches. Unfortunately due to weather two tournaments have been cancelled but are rescheduled to play in the new



year.

Our first competition was against Barton Peveril where unfortunately both the first and second team lost. However the girls gave 100% effort and never gave up in the face of strong opposition with players' players awarded to **Megan Yeardley** and **Katie Burns**. Since then the team has gone on to win their first league game against Havant and Southdowns with the final score of 50 - 22. **Immy Asquith** (GS) and **Sophie Hulse** (GA) demonstrated solid shooting with excellent circle work and feeds from **Megan Yeardley** (C). **Ella Sales** (WD) made some

brilliant interceptions across the court with **Hollie Thurgood** (GD) and **Liv Dawe** (GK) covering the Circle defence. Team changes in the third quarter saw good pressure from **Kacey Richardson** (GK) and **Ella** (GD) in defence and excellent interceptions and feeds into the circle from **Katie Burns** (WA). Throughout the entire game there were outstanding feeds into the circle, solid shots, brilliant interceptions and excellent across court play with everyone covering space when needed. Players' player went to **Sophie Hulse**. Well done to everyone who played. We look forward to the rest of our competitive season.'

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

Zoe Belben selected for the UK National Sailing Squad

2018/2019 was a year of transition for Zoe Belben. Not only did she join the Lower Sixth at Bay House, but in her sport of sailing she moved from the single handed Topper dinghy to the two man 29er skiff dinghy.

Zoe moved on from the Topper after a successful 2018 culminating in a 6th place (2nd girl) at the UK Nationals, out of 200 competitors.

She took the bold step to sail a 29er, which is a two-person high performance 14ft light skiff dinghy, with a trapeze and spinnaker. This was a big challenge - not only did it

require sailing with another likeminded person, but with a powerful and unforgiving boat.

After spending the beginning of 2019 learning how to control the boat and interact with her new crew, their first events have been successful, and Zoe is currently ranked 20th in the country which has seen her rewarded by a place in the UK National Squad. This will mean a winter of training whilst maintaining her studies in the Upper Sixth.

We wish Zoe the very best of luck and look forward to following her progress.

