

Ormiston Horizon Academy celebrates student achievements

Students at Ormiston Horizon Academy in Stoke-on-Trent are celebrating today following receiving their GCSE results, enabling them to embark on the next chapter of their education.

Staff and students joined together to celebrate the many achievements, at the end of what has been another unusual year in light of COVID-19 and the cancellation of examinations.

Despite this, the academy, which is sponsored by Ormiston Academies Trust (OAT), has seen continued success with some of the standout individual achievements including:

- **Brice Parfitt** who successfully achieved an outstanding set of GCSE results including a grade 9 in six subjects including Maths, English Language, Chemistry, Physics, Geography and Spanish. He also achieved a grade 8 in English Literature, Biology and Computer Science, as well as a Distinction* in Enterprise. Brice's dedication and commitment to his education has supported his successes so far and will continue to do so as he continues his education at Stoke Sixth Form college where he will study A levels in Maths, Economics and Physics.
- **Thomas Walker** successfully achieved a fantastic set of results alongside his commitments to extra-curricular and specifically his role as Head Boy. Thomas managed to balance his responsibilities, including delivering a speech to parents and students during our Year 9 Options evening to support their GCSE choices, whilst ensuring his grades secured his place at Stoke Sixth Form College to study A levels in History, Politics and Business. He achieved seven grade 8 results as well as a grade 9 in French and a Distinction* in Enterprise.
- **Isabelle Turrell** excelled throughout her time at OHA, overcoming significant challenges in her personal situation. Her results reflect the highest levels of resilience and hard work she has shown throughout. On average Isabelle succeeded her target grades by 3 grades, achieving two grade 9s in Maths and Chemistry, five grade 8s, one grade 7 and two grade 6s. Isabelle has secured a place at Newcastle College to study A levels in Biology, Psychology and Graphic Design.

Throughout the last eighteen months, the school has worked closely with the local stakeholders to ensure all our families are supported effectively. We have taken immense pride in the role we have played within our community and look forward to continuing to build upon this strong relationship.

Andy Fitzgibbon, Principal at Ormiston Horizon Academy, said:

"Today is all about our wonderful OHA students and how hard they have worked during their time at the academy. We are very proud of all of our students and the results they have achieved, which are hugely deserved. It has been fantastic celebrating their wonderful achievements today with students, parents and staff.

"It has been another challenging year but our students have shown resilience, motivation and a relentless work ethic throughout. I would like to thank all our students, their families, our staff and the wider school community for their ongoing support and we look forward to seeing our students progress on to the next stage of their education and fulfil their ambitions and goals."

This year, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Government decided that young people's grades would be determined by teachers, based on work students produced throughout their course. These grades were then moderated and assessed by external exam boards which awarded the final grades.

Headline Figures

9-4 Basics

56.5% of Year 11 students achieved a Grade 4 or above in **both** English and Maths

59.5% of Year 11 students achieved a Grade 4 or above in Maths

71.0% of Year 11 students achieved a Grade 4 or above in English

9-5 Basics

37.5% of Year 11 students achieved a Grade 5 or above in **both** English and Maths

41.5% of Year 11 students achieved a Grade 5 or above in Maths

51.0% of Year 11 students achieved a Grade 5 or above in English

Progress 8

Progress 8 score nationally is 0.00

Overall Progress 8 score for this cohort is +0.03 (Unvalidated)

Maths Progress 8 score for this cohort is +0.08 (Unvalidated)

English Progress 8 score for this cohort is +0.08 (Unvalidated)