

Richmond School



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Richmond School GCSE results hit the target

MUSICIANS Hannah Parrot and Michael Ash have ended their school days on a high note after gaining top marks in their examinations.

Hannah, who plays the piano and the violin achieved 12 Grade A*s in her GCSEs while Michael topped last week's performance when he achieved a Grade A A Level music two years early with six A*s and three As.

The students were among a host of success stories as Richmond School matched last year's record breaking results.

Both students plan to return to the sixth form to take A Levels. Hannah, who wants to become a paediatrician, said she was thrilled with her results.

"I didn't expect to get all A*s," said Hannah, a member of the National Scout Guide Symphony Orchestra. I am looking forward to taking my A Levels and hope to get into Cambridge."

Michael, who plays the trumpet, piano and sings, is a member of the National Youth Choir. He added: "It was a bit weird taking my A Levels with older students but it was fine. I am really pleased with all my results."

Richmond School achieved a 71 per cent at A*-C grade matching last year's record breaking pass rate after 241 candidates sat almost 2,500 exams.

Head teacher Phil Beever said: "We set ourselves a very high target and we have hit it which is fantastic for the students. The challenge now is to maintain this in the future. "They have been a very good year group and done extremely well."

Rugby winger Michael Snape is ready to tackle new challenges after gaining 11 A*/As in his GCSEs.

The 16-year-old Richmond School boy played an important part in a recent successful rugby tour of Canada in which his team won four of their five games against provincial and club sides.

"I scored three tries and it was a fantastic experience to play abroad," said Michael who will return to Richmond School in September to study A Levels.

"He is brilliant on the wing; really fast and with a good eye for the ball," said deputy head Dave Clark.

Eleven A*/As student Matthew Clark is preparing to be plant food next term when he returns to Richmond School to take five A Levels.

He takes the lead part of the shop keeper Mushnik who gets eaten by a giant plant in the musical The Little Shop of Horrors.

"I am really pleased to get eight A*s and three As and the school has been brilliant allowing me to take five A Levels instead of the normal four. I would love to be a diplomat one day. I'm just looking forward now to being eaten by a giant plant."

Budding actress Sophie Holden proved she was no drama queen when she gained 11 A*/As in her GCSEs.

A member of the Georgian Youth Theatre and Richmond Operatic Society, she will return to Richmond School, a creative arts college, to study drama, dance, biology and English.

"I am so pleased with my results which will help me pursue my dream of becoming an actress one day," said Sophie, who has starred in an international play in Norway and has many other lead roles under her belt.

Other high achievers were: Victoria Gaskell, Becky Heads Catherine Henderson, Dominic Lamb, Hannah Lawrence, Elva Lynch Bathgate, Charlotte Newcombe, Chloe Scarff and Amelia Tait.



The key to success,
Michael Ash and Hannah Parrott



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