

# Richmond School & Sixth Form College



## Press Release

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***TITLE: Sixth Form College celebrates best A Level results***

(Pictures to follow)

STUDENTS and staff at Richmond School and Sixth Form College celebrated yesterday after achieving the best A Level results for years.

While the overall pass rate remained a creditable 98 per cent, A and B grades reached an impressive 53.5 per cent, ten per cent up on last year. Grade A pass rates increased to 25.3 per cent.

Deputy headteacher John Haslam said: "We are very pleased with our results which are the best for some time.

"We are delighted with the students who have worked really hard with the support of our staff and the results are a real confidence boost to the school at a time when we are expecting an Ofsted inspection and the arrival of a new headteacher in January." Four students achieved top marks in four subjects and are destined for the country's best universities.

Rosanna Wright, 19, of Northallerton, achieved A grades in biology, chemistry, maths and further maths. She will now read a natural science degree at Cambridge University.

"I thought the exams had gone really badly; but in two of the worst papers I actually got 100 per cent," said Rosanna. "I didn't get much sleep last night but am really pleased now." She hopes one day to work in bio-chemistry research. "I would love to find cures for diseases," she added.

Christian Shepherd, 18, of Richmond, also achieved four As and will now read philosophy and psychology at Edinburgh University.

"I really love Edinburgh and it has been the home of some great philosophers," he said. Nine students achieved three A grades. For Max Goulding, 18, of Richmond, that was enough to secure him a place at Oxford University to read maths and computer science. "I did a lot of work over the two years but was a bit late knuckling down to my revision. But my teachers were brilliant – they are second to none – and helped me with my interview technique which allowed me to get into Oxford."

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For Emily Clark, 18, of Crakehall, the results were a happy ending to a difficult year that saw her lose a close member of the family.

“I was really shocked to get three As. It has been difficult and it did affect revision,” she said.

“I have always been a bit of a bookworm and will be reading English literature at Newcastle University.”

Straight As student Sam Bason, 18, of Melsonby, secured a place at Durham University to study engineering, while Hannah Rutter, 18, of Richmond, will join him at the same university but to study geography.

Richard Longstaff, 18, of Reeth, is expecting to study sociology at York University thanks to his three As and Richard Richardson, 18, of Marrick, will read physics at Durham. He said: “I hope to do something with renewable energy as it worries me what is happening to the world and I would like to try and make a difference.”

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