



New Hall School

Record A Level Results at New Hall School, Chelmsford

Record 84% at grades A*-B

Over half of all grades at top grades A*/A

**Record 17% of all grades at A*, with a number of students
achieving 100% in A Level papers**

Average point score of 140 per student equates to over AAB

Record numbers secure places at their first choice university

17% of grades at A*

51% of grades at A*/A

84% of grades at A*-B

95% of grades at A*-C

Sixth Form students at New Hall School, the UK's largest Catholic boarding & day school, are celebrating a record-breaking year of outstanding A Level results. The highest ever percentage of top grades was achieved, with 51% of grades at A*/A and 17% of grades at A*. A further record was set with 84% of grades at A*-B. Once again New Hall announced a 100% success rate overall in 327 A Levels sat, results which included students achieving 100% in a number of A Level papers.

Principal, Katherine Jeffrey, said: "We are extremely proud of all our students' successes and it is wonderful to see their excitement today after all their hard work. We are delighted to hear that a record number of students have secured places at their first choice universities, including competitive Russell Group university courses in subjects such as Law, Engineering and Medicine. The university and apprenticeship places that New Hall students have gained reflect the holistic education that the School offers, from Humanities to Medicine and Engineering to Modern Languages."

Academic Departments celebrating particular successes include: **Mathematics**, with 66% of grades at A*/A; **Further Mathematics**, with 67% of grades at A*/A; **Economics**, with 63% of grades at A*/A; **History**, with 69% of grades at A*/A; and **Art**, with 80% of grades at A*/A.

New Hall students are celebrating outstanding STEM success, with half of the results in these subjects at the top grades A*/A. This is double the national average. New Hall has also bucked the national trend with record STEM results at A*/A in a year that has seen the proportion of top grades decline. New Hall students have secured university places for: Engineering; Motorsport Engineering; Material Science & Engineering; Medicine; Mathematics & Physics; Physics & Astronomy; Physics; Geophysics; Psychology; Chemistry; Biochemistry; Biomedical Science; Nursing; Midwifery; Architecture; Sport & Exercise Science; Economics; and Computer Science.

Individual STEM successes include:

- Phineas Allen achieved 4A*s in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry and has secured a place to read Physics & Astronomy at Durham University.
- Matthew Sexton achieved 2A*s in Mathematics and Further Mathematics and 2As in Chemistry and Physics and will read Mathematics & Physics at the University of Warwick.
- Aleksandra Wiechowicz achieved 2A*s in Mathematics and Biology, A in Chemistry and an A* in her EPQ and will read Medicine at Keele University.
- Alex Putney achieved 2A*s in Biology and Economics and an A in Psychology and will read Medicine at the University of Manchester.
- Alexander Barlow achieved 2As in Chemistry and Mathematics, a B in Physics and an A in his EPQ and will read Chemistry at the University of Birmingham.
- Molly Thompson-McVicar, Head Girl, will read Engineering at Birmingham University.

- Ellena Collett achieved A* in Art, A in English Literature and a B in Biology and will read Architecture at Oxford Brookes University.

Individual Economics & Business successes

One quarter of the year group have secured places at university to read Economics, Business or Management degrees. This group includes the following:

- Jacob O’Ceallaigh achieved 3A*s in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Economics and an A in Chemistry and will read Economics at the University of Warwick.
- Daniel Skells achieved 2A*s in Mathematics and History and 2As in Economics and Physics and will read Economics at the University of Warwick.
- Annabelle Whitehouse achieved 2A*s in English Literature and History, an A in Economics and a C in Mathematics and will read Politics, Philosophy & Economics at the University of Exeter.
- Alice McLeish achieved an A* in Economics and 2As in Mathematics and History and will read Economics at the University of Surrey

Other outstanding results include:

- Joshua Hallett achieved 2A*s in Biology and Chemistry and an A in Mathematics, whilst also representing England U16s in rugby in South Africa last year. Joshua recently signed his first Academy rugby contract with Saracens, following in the footsteps of New Hallian, Dominic Morris, who made his premiership debut last season.
- Charlize Spriggs, Deputy Head Girl, achieved 2A*s in English Literature (with 100% in 3 papers) and History, a B in Latin and an A* in her EPQ.
- Jonjo McMahon, Deputy Head Boy, achieved 2A*s in History and Government & Politics, an A in Spanish and an A* in his EPQ.
- Louisa Davison, New Hallian (2012-17), achieved 4A*s and secured a place at Downing College, University of Cambridge, to read History.

New Hall makes means-tested bursaries available to support the education of students whose families would not otherwise be able to afford the fees. Principal, Katherine Jeffrey, said: "As well as running a multi-academy trust for a local primary school, New Hall provides public benefit through generous levels of bursary provision. Eleven A Level students benefitted from bursaries this year, of up to 100% of fees. These students achieved outstanding A Level grades. Between them, they were awarded: 8A*s, 12As, and 13Bs. We are delighted that these students have made the most of the educational opportunities provided by the bursaries they were awarded."

Head of Sixth Form, James Alderson, said: "This is the first year that all A Levels have been examined under the reformed, tougher specifications. Our record results are a testament to the hard work of our students and staff. We are delighted to share in the joy of our students today, as they find out that they have the grades needed to take up the university places of their choice, as well as other competitive professional and vocational courses and schemes."

Julius Sidwell, Vice Principal, said: "The benefits of boarding at New Hall are reflected in this year's outstanding A Level results, with 14A*s, 30As and 33Bs achieved by the 27 boarders in this year group. Without the daily time pressure of travelling to school, boarders have more time to dedicate to their studies, seek help from academic staff and access the full co-curricular timetable." Boarding students have been attracted by New Hall's international reputation for its distinctive curriculum and academic excellence and for the range of co-curricular opportunities available. The pastoral care system and boarding provision, consistently rated 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, allow students to enjoy learning in a supportive community, where teamwork and the importance of developing life skills and moral integrity are emphasised.

The recent cuts in boarding fees have made New Hall School one of the most affordable boarding schools in the UK, with an annual full boarding fee of £19,764 in Years 3-6 and £24,579 in Years 7-8. Sixth Form languages scholarships are still

available for September 2019, for those committed to study French, Spanish or Latin at A Level.

Following another 'Outstanding' inspection in 2018, New Hall School has just received permission from the Department of Education to expand to 1,500 students. A new Nursery for children aged 1-3 opens on campus in September 2019 and the four Boarding Houses have been refurbished and expanded to welcome the growing number of boarders, including those choosing flexi-boarding and weekly boarding options. New Hall runs a multi-academy trust and continues as the successful academy sponsor of Messing Primary School.

The photographs included are as follows:

1. New Hall students buck the national trend with a record 51% achieving A*/A, double the national average. From right to left: Phineas Allen 4A*s; Matthew Sexton 2A*s and 2As; Jacob O'Ceallaigh 3A*s and an A; Jonjo McMahon 2A*s, 1 A and an A* in his EPQ; Daniel Skells 2A*s and 2As, and Alexander Smith 1A and 2 Bs.
2. New Hall students celebrate record results.
3. Twins Anastasia Clarke and Alexandra Clarke celebrate with Principal, Katherine Jeffrey, achieving ABB and AAB respectively.
4. Record numbers of New Hall students secured places at their first choice university. (Left to right: Caitlin Murray achieved 2A*s, 1A and an A in her EPQ and has secured her place at Durham University to read Philosophy & Theology; and Jessica Whiley, achieved 3As and has secured her place at the University of Exeter to read Law).
5. Anastasia Clarke who achieved ABB and has secured a place at Durham University to read Theology & Religion and Alexandra Clarke who achieved AAB and has secured a place at Nottingham University to study Psychology.
6. New Hall celebrates particular success in subjects including: **Mathematics**, with 66% of grades at A*/A; **Further Mathematics**, with 67% of grades at A*/A; **Economics**, with 63% of grades at A*/A; **History**, with 69% of grades at A*/A; and **Art**, with 80% of grades at A*/A.
7. New Hall students celebrate a record 84% of grades at A*-B.