



# AROUND THE PALACE

Dear all,

The start of term at Old Palace has been such a positive experience. Across Prep and Seniors we have really enjoyed welcoming everyone back after the summer break. It has also been wonderful to meet all the new students in Reception, Year 7 and other years who are joining the Old Palace family. The energy and enthusiasm across the school has been palpable.

We are hosting a number of Parent Information Evenings in the weeks ahead which will also give us a chance to welcome parents back into school. The dates were communicated to you

last term but as a reminder they can be found in the box on page 2.

I would also like to take this opportunity to share the successes of the summer in terms of exam results. After such a difficult time for our students, we were delighted with both their GCSE and A Level results.

At A Level, 49% of the entries were graded A\* and 81% graded A or above. These results placed Old Palace in the top 1% of the country in terms of A Level results which is excellent. 96% of our students gained a place at their chosen university which reflects not only their academic success but also the strength of the guidance and support they

received through the university admissions process.

In total, four students gained places at Oxford and Cambridge and five students gained entry to medicine/dentistry courses. What is particularly pleasing is the range of courses that our students will be starting this term in so many well regarded destinations. More detail on this is provided on page 2.

At GCSE, 49% of the entries were at grade 9 and 70% were grade 8 or above (this is equivalent to A\* under the old system). A total of 83% of entries were graded at 7 or above (equivalent to a A in 'old money'). In total a third of all

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## Year 6 Enjoys New Common Room



Year 6 had just one word to describe how they felt about their new Year 6 common room, and that was 'amazing!'

students achieved all grade 8 or above in their GCSES. What has been particularly pleasing for the school is that a record number (and the vast majority) of students have decided to remain at Old Palace for their Sixth Form studies.

Congratulation to all our students on these results which are a testament to their hard work and ability to cope with the challenges of the past 18 months. Thanks must also go to the Old Palace staff for their teaching and support and to our parents for their unwavering support and encouragement of their daughters.

At the end of a rewarding week, I wish everyone a relaxing weekend.



Jane Burton, Head

## Parent Information Evenings

6pm in the Banqueting Hall

### Year 8

Monday 13 September

### Year 9

Wednesday 15 September

### Year 10

Monday 20 September

### Year 11

Wednesday 22 September

### Year 12

Thursday 23 September

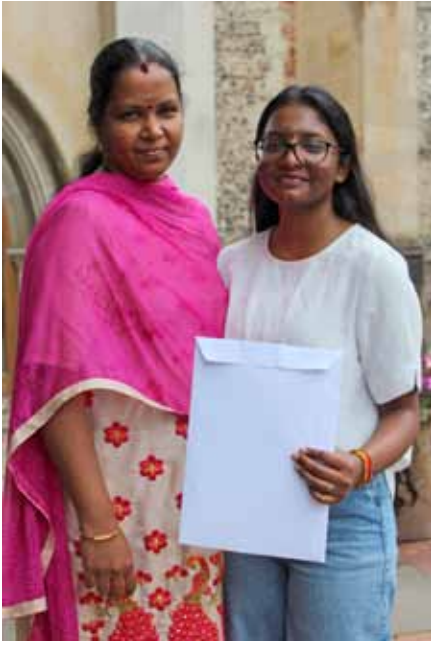
## University Destinations 2021

University	Course
Cardiff University	Physical Geography
City, University of London	Optometry
City, University of London	Data Science
Durham University	Natural Sciences
Durham University	Natural Sciences
Imperial College London	Civil Engineering
Imperial College London	Chemistry
Imperial College London	Civil Engineering
King's College London	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
King's College London	Geography
King's College London	International Relations
King's College London	Business Management
King's College London	Accounting & Finance
King's College London,	Classical Studies
Lancaster University	Business Management
Medway School of Pharmacy	Pharmacy
Nottingham Trent University	Audio and Music Technology
Queen Mary University of London	Medicine
Queen Mary University of London	Biomedical Sciences
Queen Mary University of London	Medicine
Royal Holloway	History, Politics and International Relations
Royal Holloway	Accounting and Finance
Royal Holloway	Criminology & Sociology
Sheffield Hallam University	Software Engineering
The University of Edinburgh	Psychology and Linguistics
University College London	Geography
University of Birmingham	Psychology
University of Birmingham	Geography

University	Course
University of Brighton	Computer Science
University of Bristol	Biology
University of Bristol	English
University of Cambridge	Geography
University of Cambridge	Human, Social, and Political Sciences
University of Cambridge	Modern and Medieval Languages
University of Chichester	Dance
University of Edinburgh	Biological Sciences Zoology
University of Exeter	Communications and Modern Languages
University of Exeter	History
University of Exeter	English
University of Glasgow	Business & Management/ Politics
University of Leicester	Medicine
University of Liverpool	Marketing
University of Manchester	Psychology
University of Manchester	Midwifery
University of Nottingham	Politics and International Relations
University of Nottingham	Natural Sciences
University of Oxford	Philosophy and German
University of Plymouth	Dental Surgery
University of Plymouth	Medicine
University of Reading	Computer Science
University of Warwick	Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry
University of Warwick	Philosophy, Politics and Economics
University of York	English Language and Linguistics

# A Level and GCSE Results





## Focus on University Destinations Summer 2021

This year, 96% of our students secured their chosen university, with 71% going to Russell Group Universities and four obtaining places at Oxford and Cambridge in Philosophy and German, Modern and Medieval Languages, Human, Social, and Political Sciences and Geography.

Just under half of all places were in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) with students choosing Civil Engineering, Chemistry, Biology, Natural Sciences, Computer Science, Software Engineering, Data Science and Psychology. Plus, in the popular healthcare subjects, Medicine, Dentistry, Midwifery, Optometry and Pharmacy.

Alongside this, the degree choices spanned a range of 20 different subjects reflecting the diversity and breadth of the Old Palace curriculum including: Audio and Music Technology; Classics; Dance; English; Geography; History; International Relations; Modern Languages; Politics

Four chose Joint Honours degrees in Philosophy and German, History and Politics, Criminology and Sociology, and English Language and Linguistics.

Over a third chose to study in London, six students secured a place at Kings College with four going to Royal Holloway, three at both Imperial and Queen Mary, two at City university and one at University College London.

Further afield Durham and Exeter will be the new home for another six students, with Edinburgh and Glasgow the farthest another three will need to travel to. Other universities include Manchester, Birmingham, Bristol, Nottingham, York, Warwick, Liverpool, Lancaster, Nottingham Trent, Chichester, Plymouth, Brighton, Medway and Leicester, quite a spread nationally.

### Degrees

#### Medicine: (3)

Queen Mary, University of London (2), Leicester (1)

#### Dentistry: (1)

University of Plymouth

#### Engineering: (2)

Imperial College London

#### Geography: (4)

University of Cambridge; University College London; King's College, London; University of Birmingham

### Most popular subjects

Geography

Politics

Business Management

English

Psychology

Biological Sciences

Computing

### Most popular universities:

Kings College, London

Royal Holloway, University of London

Imperial College London

Durham University

Queen Mary, University of London

University of Exeter

#### Mrs W Williams

*Higher Education and Careers Coordinator*





Eilidh has gone from handing out medals to Old Palace students to receiving her own Olympic Gold medal.

Eilidh McIntyre was our guest speaker at the Sports Presentation Evening in 2018. She spoke about her dream to become an Olympic athlete and follow in her father's footsteps of winning a gold medal. She explained her path to becoming a professional sailor and that with some hard work anything is achievable. We were delighted to see that Eilidh got selected to represent the GBR Sailing Team in Tokyo alongside Hannah Mills. After a tough regatta we were thrilled that Eilidh achieved her dream of winning an Olympic Gold.



**8 things the Olympics taught us**



SOMEONE ELSE WINNING DOESN'T TAKE AWAY FROM YOUR SUCCESSES



YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN ANY TITLE OR WORK ACHIEVEMENT



REAL COURAGE IS BEING AFRAID AND DOING IT ANYWAY



ALONE YOU CAN GO FAST, BUT TOGETHER YOU CAN GO FAR



YOU SHOULD ALWAYS STAND UP FOR WHAT YOU BELIEVE IS RIGHT



YOU ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG OR TOO OLD TO CHASE A DREAM



A TRUE CHAMPION KEEPS TRYING NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES



FALLING IN LIFE IS OK, YOU JUST NEED TO GET BACK UP AGAIN

martha brook  
LONDON



# 2021 Winners Announced - Imaginary Jobs of the Future Competition

We had some really interesting ideas, though there could only be one winner of the most imaginative job, which was the 'Dream Maker' from Nailah-Belle.

Second and third places went to the 'Time Traveller' from Ava and a 'Sun-Lighter' from Maya.

In 4th place and 5th place were Catherine for her 'Professional Hugger' and Tia-Amelie for her 'Joy Giver'.

Imaginary Careers

## Dream Maker

Dream Makers have the names of everyone in the world!  
 In the day they plan everyone's dreams.  
 At night they log on the computers to see if there is anyone having a nightmare and if so they replace it with a good dream.

1st place: *Dream Maker* by Nailah-Belle

## TIME TRAVELER

This job includes going inbetween years so you would need to be alert aware between travelling years when being a time traveller your job is to find out they information for all in.

2nd place: *Time Traveller* by Ava

## Sun-Lighter

The sun is going to be so hot that it will burn out eventually! Well, hey this is the perfect job!

3rd place: *Sun-Lighter* by Maya

## Professional Hugger

If a person needs a hug at any time, the hugger is notified and then is able to transport to the place where the person who needs a hug is. There are many people who can transport at any time and time zones do not affect them.

4th place: *Professional Hugger* by Catherine

## Joy Giver

what is a joy giver?  
 a joy giver is someone who comforts and cheers up people who are feeling down, they can also help with depression, and generally people who are just feeling down.

5th place: *Joy Giver* by Tia-Amelie

# Festival of Science and Imagination



The Science Department gave everyone the opportunity to take part in a week of Science and Imagination during the summer. Here is my review of some of the events I attended...

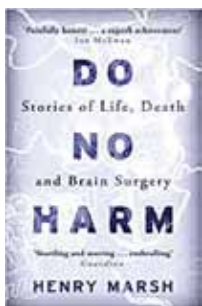


On Tuesday 13th July, I went to the Headway East London workshop. Headway East London is a local charity supporting people affected by brain injury from across the North and

East of London. Its services include advocacy, therapies and occupational projects like *Who Are You Now?* all based at its community centre in Hackney. It also offers specialist services to survivors and their families. The aim of this project is to help survivors regain their voices and the confidence to use them, and to help others understand the impact of brain injury.

The workshop they ran was about how Art and Science can be incorporated together; we had to draw something that represented our thoughts, personality and our brain. Some people drew their garden or a journey to the beach.

Why not have a go and try it as a relaxing activity? I would recommend it to anyone who loves Art and Science.



I also went to an event and listened to Henry Marsh CBE who is one of Britain's foremost neurosurgeons with over 40 years' experience and the author of *Do No Harm*, a brilliant book which I would definitely recommend future doctors and surgeons to read. He has sold over 1 million copies of his book worldwide.

Marsh has worked at Atkinson Morley's in St. George's London and been in many interviews and documentaries over the years. He has not operated for over two years but likes to keep busy. Marsh came from a non-scientific family. He has a competitive personality and is very ambitious to a certain extent in surgery even though there is a high failure rate in neurosurgery.

Marsh kept a diary from the age of 12 years old, it took him ten years to write the book every day and publish it. He gives a very honest account about what life is like, failure and being nervous and anxious as a neurosurgeon. Marsh

is currently reading five or six books at a time including fantasy, Dickens, Science and History.

Henry Marsh gave some very inspirational quotes that I would like to share with you.

*'If it wasn't for microscopes, we wouldn't have science!'*

*'Most doctors don't want to be surgeons and most surgeons don't want to be neurosurgeons'*

*'We depend upon science'*

*'Science is all about asking questions'*

*'Science is fascinating and so interesting'*

*'Genes are like machine tools. The same gene will do different things in different circumstances'*

*'It is vital that our brains can write and read so fluently as they have evolved over time'*

*'Writing is second nature and therapy'*

*'There is no worse thing for a patient than a frightened doctor'*

*'Ask for help. It is a sign of strength not weakness'*

On Thursday 15th July I went to an event about the DNA story by Dr Lisa Mullan. It all started in Ancient Greece when people had spots that exploded called Small Pox and 1 in 5 people who had it died. It spread to Europe, Asia and finally America. If you caught it once, you could not catch it again. Your immune system receives stress signals from antigens and gives out antibodies. Pus from Small Pox pustules was inserted into the bloodstream and Small Pox scabs were ground up and blown up people's noses. Both of these took place in order to inoculate the people. Dr Edward Jenner born in 1749 realised that farmers never seemed to get Small Pox. Cows had a similar disease on their udders called Cow Pox. In 1796 he used an 8 year old boy to test his theory again and again. Then he found a vaccination; called that due to the Latin name of a cow being vacca. Did you know that due to this discovery 5 million lives a year are saved?

## Charles Darwin and the theory of evolution

A monk in Austria worked with peas for eight years and looked at 10 000 of them in 1886. They worked out that offspring pass information down to their offspring via the Double Helix.

DNA and Genetics *(See table below)*

Sarah Gilbert developed a vaccine for COVID 19 coronavirus in 14 days due to enhanced technology.

I learnt so much from these events in just a few days. If you are interested in Science, Art and English then I recommended looking at the recordings of these events and others that are available until 13th September.

Chloe, Year 13

1892	1901	1944	1953	1959	1977	1983	1990
First virus discovered	Antibiotics discovered	DNA rediscovered	DNA structure discovered by Rosalyn Franklin	Antibody structure	Sanger Sequencing	PCR testing	Human Genome 15 years \$3 billion



## Year 12 Sports Leaders



Many congratulations to Sophia and Suraiya in Year 12, who entered into a National competition run by Sports Leaders UK for Learner of the Year.

Both students submitted a video highlighting their experiences of taking the award and the benefits they gained by being part of the Sports Leaders Programme.

We've just heard that Sophia and Suraiya were in the top four finalists for the Learner of the Year Award throughout the whole of the UK. Well done. We are very proud of them!

Sports Leaders Courses are now running at Levels 1, 2 and 3 within the PE department at Old Palace School.

## Year 10



Year 10 started the year demonstrating they have the attributes to be Confident, Connected and Capable with a series of challenges they had to complete in a team competition.

It was really exciting to see them work together, utilise different skills and produce creative outcomes. Lots of fun was had as they solved puzzles, hunted for answers and found a new use for marshmallows and wrote their own motivational phrases.



## LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) Results

### Verse and Prose Grade 2

Shankavee	Distinction 81
Anja	Distinction 93
Raya	Distinction 89

### Verse and Prose Grade 3

Saphy	Distinction 85
Theresa-Mae	Distinction 89
Jemima	Distinction 86
Amira	Distinction 90
Belen	Distinction 87
Ella	Merit 75
Mariyam	Merit 70
Hephzibah	Distinction 83
Nia-Elyse	Merit 73
Inaaya	Distinction 82
Esther	Merit 78
Isobel	Distinction 82
Tahlya	Distinction 85

### Verse and Verse and Prose Grade 4

Bilqees	Merit 67
Shreya	Merit 73
Lila	Merit 78
Maryam	Merit 65
Ava	Merit 75
Mariya	Merit 78
Alexa	Merit 76
Anjola	Distinction 85
Neeha	Merit 74
Madinah	Distinction 83

### Verse and Prose Grade 5

Sumaiya	Distinction 87
Nuwayllah	Pass 63
Grace	Merit 74
Eden	Merit 73

### Reading for Performance Grade 4

Sophie	Merit 76
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### Speaking in Public Grade 5

Maheli	Distinction 84
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### Speaking in Public Grade 6 BRONZE MEDAL

Sumaiya	Distinction 91
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### Acting Grade 8 Solo GOLD MEDAL

Kate	Distinction 83
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### UCAS POINTS

Grade 6:

Distinction=12; Merit=10; Pass=8

Grade 7:

Distinction=16; Merit=14; Pass=12

Grade 8:

Distinction=30; Merit=27; Pass=24

## ABRSM Music Exam Results

Name	Instrument	Grade	Results
Catherine	Cello	7	Merit
Ria	Cello	5	Merit
Sophie	Cello	4	Merit
Simone	Cello	5	Pass
Aimée	Cello	2	Merit
Beatrice	Flute	4	Pass
Sarah	Flute	6	Merit
Avika	Flute	1	Merit
Annabelle	Flute	1	Merit
Emma	Flute	7	Distinction
Avani	Flute	4	Merit
Amber	Flute	3	Pass
Lola-Marie	Flute	1	Merit
Nadia	Flute	8	Distinction
Reya	Flute	3	Merit
Maya	French Horn	3	Pass
Jessica	Oboe	2	Merit
Maryam	Piano	1	Pass
Imaan	Piano	1	Merit
Rohaam	Piano	5	Pass
Amber	Piano	2	Pass
Isobel	Piano	1	Pass
Grace	Piano	2	Pass
Modupeoluwa	Piano	2	Pass

Name	Instrument	Grade	Results
Feran	Piano	4	Pass
Zaynah	Piano	5	Pass
Vaonaishe	Piano	1	Pass
Catherine	Singing	5	Distinction
Jemima	Singing	2	Merit
Theresa-Mae	Singing	2	Distinction
Sophie	Singing	5	Distinction
Anja	Singing	1	Distinction
Tia-Amelie	Singing	1	Merit
Elen	Singing	8	Distinction
Zaynah	Singing	6	Distinction
Varsha	Singing	8	Distinction
Sanjana	Trumpet	1	Pass
Vishali	Viola	5	Pass
Methuni Hiru	Violin	1	Merit
Afua Serwa	Violin	1	Pass
Azriella	Violin	4	Merit
Aayushi	Singing	2	Pass
Mayowa	Saxophone	5	Merit
Lina	Clarinet	2	Merit
Anika	Singing for Musical Theatre	2	Pass

Senior

Prep

## A letter from Mrs Nike

Dear all,

Welcoming all the girls back to Prep after the summer has been very special this year, particularly as we saw Year 6 return to Prep for their final year before they move to the Senior School. It was also wonderful to greet our new Pre School classes Blossom and Cherry as they arrived at Prep in their blazers and hats for the first time.

Our new Reception class looked overjoyed as they stepped into their classroom and got to experience their first full day at Old Palace. What an adventure they are going to have!

On Wednesday, the whole school, including Pre School and Year 6, joined together for assembly and it was great to be together. There has been a sense of excitement and a real buzz around the school over the last few days as the girls have settled back into school life and have embarked on a journey in their new year group with their new teacher.

I cannot wait to see what they get up to over the next year as they learn, grow and achieve together!

**Mrs Nike**  
Head of Preparatory



**Starting on Tuesday 14th September**

FREE weekly Stay and Play sessions for children aged 3 months+ Term-time Tuesday at Prep 9:30-11am

No need to book

## Prep and Senior Menus now available on the school portal

### Prep LAMDA Results

Candidate	Form	Level
Rhiannon	1J	Distinction
Lana	1J	Distinction
Sophia	1J	Distinction
Sonia	1J	Distinction
Anika	1J	Distinction
Ayla	1J	Distinction
Kiyana	1J	Merit
Eileen	1J	Merit
Amelie	1J	Merit
Libby	1J	Distinction
Saanvi	1J	Distinction
Elena	1J	Distinction
Anika	1J	Distinction
Grace	1J	Distinction
Alice	1J	Distinction
Kezia	1J	Distinction
Isabella	1J	Distinction
Nuriya	2J	Distinction
Aideen	2J	Distinction
Harriet	2J	Distinction
Maya	2J	Distinction

Candidate	Form	Level
Kirstie	2J	Distinction
Lilla	2J	Distinction
Anna	2J	Distinction
Charlotte	2J	Distinction
Misha	2J	Distinction
Aadya	2J	Distinction
Anokhi	3J	Distinction
Paavana	3J	Distinction
Elissia	3J	Distinction
Aanya	3J	Distinction
Sophia	3J	Distinction
Lottie	3J	Distinction
Aashna	3J	Distinction
Alyna	3J	Distinction
Olivia	3J	Distinction
Fatemah	3J	Distinction
Imani	4J	Distinction
Keyala	4J	Distinction
Alex	4J	Distinction
Avika	4J	Distinction
Fatima	4J	Distinction

Candidate	Form	Level
Ava-Blu	4J	Distinction
Adelise	4J	Distinction
Jasmin-Lee	4J	Distinction
Amelia	4J	Distinction
Tamalia	4J	Distinction
Keona	4J	Distinction
Jessica	4J	Distinction
Grace	4J	Distinction
Michaela	4J	Distinction
Ellie	5J	Distinction
Riya	5J	Distinction
Lola	5J	Distinction
Lydia	5J	Distinction
Amanah	5J	Distinction
Advika	5J	Distinction
Rishita	5J	Distinction
Rachelle	5J	Distinction
Akshita	5J	Distinction
Aditi	5J	Distinction
Aashita	5J	Distinction
Elise	5J	Distinction