



AROUND THE PALACE

Celebrating Our A-Level & GCSE Results



Dear all,



As we embark upon the final year of our school, we are buoyed by our recent GCSE and A-Level success. Our students should be so proud of how their hard work and resilience has paid off to achieve their very best in these exams, despite the challenges of the past year. The pictures from the Seniors' Prizegiving and Year 6 Oscars last term also remind us how much there has been to celebrate recently.

I am confident that there will be much to celebrate in the year ahead too, both the individual achievements of the students, but also the lasting legacy of the school. It is a great privilege for me to lead our very special school community at this time as we enter upon the final chapter of the school so *'let us all unite in singing of this our school we love so well.'*

Andrew Christie, Head

Students Celebrate Exception A-Level Results

We were delighted for our Year 13 students who performed exceptionally well in their A-Level exams despite the difficult circumstances this year.

A quarter of our students (up from a fifth last year) attained the remarkable accomplishment of straight A*/A grades and over half (51%) students secured A* and A grades, demonstrating an undiminished commitment to academic performance across the school. We were also pleased to see our percentage of A*-B grades significantly higher than last year.

An impressive 94% of students were successful in securing their first/second choice of university compared to 67% last year, including a number of places at prestigious Russell Group universities. Two students secured their places to read Medicine while one student achieved their 3A* offer from Imperial College. Students have chosen to read a wide variety of courses from Architecture to Psychology and from Ancient History to Physics.

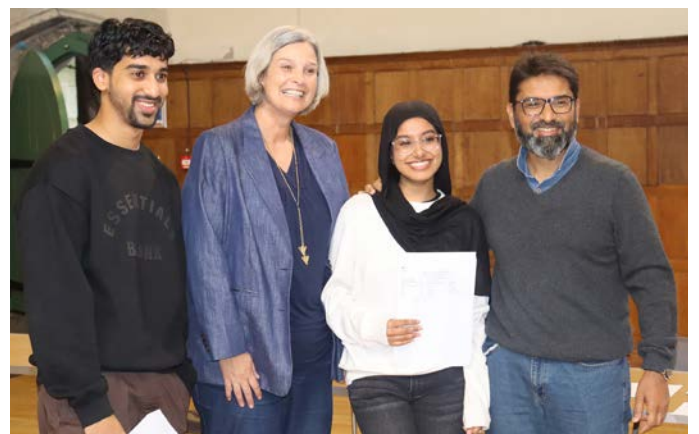
We wish them all the very best for their future.



Students Celebrate GCSE Success

Congratulations to our Year 11 on their fantastic GCSE results. It is wonderful to see all their hard work duly rewarded. Almost half (48.6%) of grades were 9-8, which has leapt up from 40.8% last year. Nine students achieved the remarkable achievement of straight 8/9s and 26 students gained 7s and above in every subject, which is higher than even pre-pandemic numbers.

One student even managed to secure grade 9 in every subject! These results reflect all the hard work and commitment that they have shown during their time at Old Palace, especially through this difficult year.



Students Celebrate GCSE Success *continued*



Senior School Prizegiving 2024



Students Enjoy Art, History & Politics Trip to Washington DC



At the end of the summer term, 25 Old Palace students and four staff descended on Washington DC for a joint Art, History & Politics trip, ably led by Mrs. Broad.

Things got off to a challenging start with the NATO conference causing road closures that meant the coach could not reach the hotel, resulting in everyone getting the metro into town with suitcases and then walking 20 minutes in a torrential summer downpour to reach our accommodation!

Things went much more smoothly after this, and we took full advantage of Washington's phenomenal array of sights, museums, and galleries. Clocking up 25,000 steps a day, we visited: the Capitol, the White House, the Lincoln Memorial & Washington Monument, the Library of Congress, Arlington Cemetery, the Smithsonian Museums of Art and History, the National Portrait Gallery, the African

American History Museum, the Air & Space Museum, the Hirshhorn and Renwick Galleries, and the Zoo!

Throughout, Mrs. Broad, Mrs. Smith, Dr. Furniss and Mr. Taruwona could not have been more impressed with the students' stamina, interest, enthusiasm and ability to prevent Mr. Taruwona getting lost! They really earned their evening shopping and bowling outings!

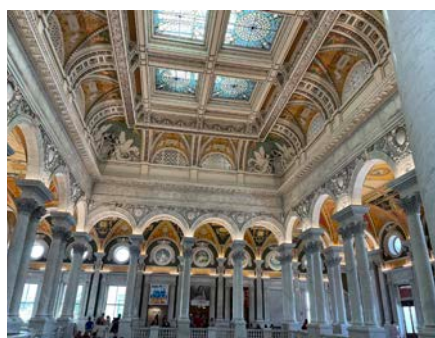
It's safe to say that everyone returned home very happy and exhausted after a wonderful trip.



Students Enjoy Art, History & Politics Trip to Washington DC *continued*



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ABRSM Summer Term 2024 Results

Name	Form	Instrument	Grade	Result
Isla	7AH	Singing	4	Pass
Charlotte	5J	Singing	1	Merit
Olivia	6W	Singing	4	Distinction
Lola Marie	8AS	Music Theatre	5	Distinction
Isla	7AH	Bassoon	4	Merit
Isobel	10A	Piano	3	Pass
Paavana	6W	Violin	2	Merit
Aashna	6J	Violin	3	Merit
Safah	5J	Piano	4	Pass
Harriet	5J	Piano	3	Pass
Aideen	5J	Piano	3	Pass
Lola	8HL	Music Theatre	5	Distinction
Elissia	6J	Flute	3	Pass
Alyna	6J	Clarinet	1	Pass



LAMDA Summer Term 2024 Results

Name	Form	Subject	Grade	Result
Ruby	8H	Acting	Grade 4	Distinction
Lola	8L	Acting	Grade 4	Distinction
Fatima	11A	Speaking in Public	Grade 8	Distinction
Fatimah Binta	10A	Speaking in Public	Grade 8	Merit
Dayna	10S	Speaking in Public	Grade 8	Distinction
Kemafo	8S	Speaking in Public	Grade 5	Merit
Hannah	9H	Speaking in Public	Grade 5	Merit
Isobel	10A	Speaking Verse and Prose	Grade 7	Distinction
Sapphy	10L	Speaking Verse and Prose	Grade 7	Distinction
Nuwaylah	12S	Speaking Verse and Prose	Grade 8	Merit
Grace	12A	Speaking in Public	Grade 8	Merit



**Old Palace of
John Whitgift School**
Independent Girls' School



Old Palace
Alumnae



Final Founder's Day Service

Monday 30th September 2024 at 2:30pm,
followed by tours and refreshments.

We would like as many alumnae as possible to join us at this final service.

Tickets will be available to reserve from Thursday 15th August.

Founder's day: <https://forms.office.com/e/DAb7cdc2Ca>



Final Alumnae Carol Service

Monday, 9 December 2024 at 6:00pm,
with tours and refreshments from 4.30pm.

Tickets will be available to reserve from Tuesday 3rd September.

Carol Concert: <https://forms.office.com/e/E99SwTrLDr>

If you would like to be part of a scratch OPA choir for the events, contact:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RUFtmN78H9>

Year 6 Leavers 'The Oscars'





Year 6 Leavers 'The Oscars' *continued*

