



Brentwood School



Academic News

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Our Upper Sixth and Year 11 cohorts have excelled in co-curricular activities and embraced the importance of values, all whilst achieving fantastic academic results.

Reflecting the School's authentic commitment to holistic education, we continue to offer three pathways in the Sixth Form: the International Baccalaureate Diploma, A Levels and BTEC Extended Diplomas in Sport and Business.

Our IB Diploma students achieved an outstanding 37 point average (with 45 the maximum). Out of the 21-strong cohort, 6 students scored 40 or more points, putting them in the top 4% of IB students worldwide. Two standout students scored the maximum 45 points, Alvira K is studying Medicine at University of Cambridge, whilst Fin T is at the University of Warwick reading History.

Deputy Head of School James M bagged 40 points and is currently at University College London reading Social Sciences with Data Science whilst fellow IB student and Deputy Head of Hough House Tilin F (41 points) is studying Psychology at Durham University.

Six students have made their way overseas to study in the Americas, including IB students Chloe D (44 points), Annie C (38 points) and Artur S who are enjoying Engineering at Ivy League, Cornell University, Economics at UCLA and Psychology at McGill University, Montreal respectively. Three students have been awarded sport scholarships to study in the US with footballer Samuel T studying Business at North Iowa Area Community College and golfers Luca B & Henry L attending Waldorf University, Iowa and Lincoln Memorial University, Tennessee respectively.

Once again, our BTEC cohort gained outstanding results – our largest to date with 41 students– with the average BTEC student achieving the equivalent of A*AA at A Level and three students gaining the maximum equivalent of A*A*A*. Thirty nine students have already secured their first-choice outcome and these stellar achievements ensure Brentwood are in the top 10% of BTEC schools for equivalent qualifications in England for value-added.

Among the many diverse courses our outgoing Upper Sixth students went on to study, fifteen have selected to study Engineering, be it Civil, Mechanical, Automotive, Electrical, Aerospace or otherwise. In addition, nine students are pursuing a degree in Politics/International Relations, and a further four students are studying Computing, an indication of our aim to prepare students for the jobs of the future.

Top scorer Ashar M, who was awarded A*A*A*A*, is one of those students, opting to read Computing at Imperial College London. Meanwhile, 15 year student Austin M has taken his 4 A*s to Cádiz, Spain where he is training to become a pilot at Flight Training Europe.

An impressive 15 students opted to study a range of MDV and Healthcare courses, covering Biomedical Science, Neuroscience, Pharmacy, Bioveterinary Sciences, Biochemistry, Osteopathy and Adult Nursing demonstrating the strength of the School's comprehensive MDV programme. Business, Economics, Finance, Management and Marketing remain popular pursuits with 45 students following these pathways.

Our Performing Arts cohort took up a wide range of creative courses, such as Theatre: Writing, Directing and Performance at University of York, Acting for Stage and Screen at Regent's University London, Dance at London Contemporary Dance School.

A considerable number of students have moved to the world of work or Apprenticeships, with students now working in the Insurance, Auditing and Quantity Surveying industries. Jemimah K, who achieved the equivalent of 3 A*s in BTEC, has started an apprenticeship in Commercial Risk Real Estate at AON. Meanwhile, Sam B is beginning a degree apprenticeship at RSM Financial Consultancy and Tayla J is completing a Quantity Surveying Degree Apprenticeship at NG Bailey.

Celebrations for GCSE Cohort

Excellent GCSE results were achieved by our Year 11 students this summer, no fewer than seventeen students achieving 70+ points in total, with almost 60% of results were graded 7-9 (the equivalent of A-A*s).

A remarkable 9 students achieved the maximum 72 points, by securing 8 x 9 grades (A*). One of such students is Tennis Academy star and recipient of three prizes at this year's Speech Day (including the prestigious values prize), Ben V who is looking forward to continuing his studies in the Sixth Form. Peer Mentors Gemma L and Tomas H achieved no fewer than 12 grade 9s and 8 grade 8s between them, all whilst supporting younger pupils with help ranging from the academic to the motivational, reflecting the School's values.

As a year group, they have fully embraced our holistic education, excelling in both academics and co-curricular activities while showing remarkable personal growth. Alongside their great GCSE results, they have developed a strong sense of values and character. The vast majority of the year group have stayed on at Brentwood, enriching our Sixth Form, with their talents across the board.

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