

Woodhouse Grove School students prove that all-round education and academic results go hand in hand.

Staff and pupils at Woodhouse Grove School, based in Apperley Bridge, are celebrating the A Level success achieved by Year 13 students today with an A Level pass rate of 99% and the average UCAS points per candidate at 133 – the equivalent of AAB at A Level.

Woodhouse Grove does not position itself as an overtly 'academic' school but instead prides itself on the all-round education offered to pupils. The thinking behind this unique approach is based on focusing on the individual strengths, motivation and talents of each student in preparation of 'real life' after school. Academic success inevitably follows as students learn methods of working that best suit them and develop genuine enthusiasm for their subjects – a stark contrast to the pressurised hot house approach often pushed in the private sector. This ethos helped the School achieve the highest ranking of "Excellent" from the Independent Schools Inspectorate in 2017.

There were some outstanding performances from a number of our pupils including:

- Georgia Marker (A*A*A*AA plus A* in her EPQ) who will be reading History at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge
- Hayden Chim (A*A*A*A*) who has a place at Manchester University to study Computer Science, but at the time of writing is likely to return to Hong Kong for his undergraduate studies
- Lucy Robertshaw (A*A*A*B plus three AS or equivalent subjects at A* and A grade) who will read Mathematics at St Andrews University
- Ali-Hasan Ahmed (A*AAA) who is planning to study Mathematics at LSE
- Patrick Ziegler (A*A*B) who is going to Nottingham University to read International Relations
- William Linkogel (A*AA and an A at AS level) who will read medicine at Hull York Medical School
- Nina Pucekova (A*AA and an A at AS level) who has a place to study Biological Sciences at Edinburgh University
- Callum Littlejohns (A*AA) is studying Economics and Finance at Bristol University
- Harrison Marcus (AAAA) is studying Economics at Nottingham University
- Hud Anwar (AAA and a B at AS level) to study Medicine at Lancaster University
- Zakareya Saleem (AAA and a B at AS Level) to study Dentistry at Glasgow University
- Isabelle Wan (A*AB and a C at AS level) to study Psychology with Education at University College, London.
- Aaron Yang (A*AB) studying Economics at Nottingham University
- Jasmine Godfrey (equivalent to A*ABB) studying Psychology at Newcastle University

James Lockwood, Headmaster said:

“This success has been down to focus and determination on the part of the students and the exceptional support provided by their teachers and tutors. I am very proud of all our sixth formers; both in terms of their A-level results and the life experiences and co-curricular enrichment they have gained here at Woodhouse Grove. The majority will go on to secure their places at some of the best UK universities including Cambridge, University College London, St Andrews, Lancaster, Bristol and London School of Economics and on courses as diverse as Medicine, Zoology, Law, Digital Media Design, Dentistry and Maths; many will have surpassed more than they dreamed possible.

Woodhouse Grove’s primary aim is to unlock the full academic potential of each individual but, more importantly, to encourage every pupil to discover him or herself and make the most of the opportunities presented, so that he or she can go out into the world and make a meaningful and fulfilling contribution. I am certain that we are providing the best possible grounding for a successful future for our young people in whatever career path they choose.”