

Local students amongst top ten in the country

Stratford-upon-Avon Grammar School for Girls, its staff, parents and students can feel justifiably proud of their excellent results from the 2008 summer public examinations. These were reported in August, but the school has recently received extra information from the examination boards about top scorers. The following students were all individually congratulated by the two examination boards for their outstanding performance:

At Advanced level, Jenny Hawkin achieved one of the top five marks in the country in A2 Mathematics, AQA exam board.

Edexcel Examination Board congratulated the following two girls for being amongst the top ten who achieved the highest overall marks in the country: Eleanor Groves in A2 Biology, out of 6818 candidates and Chloe Orrock - AS Government & Politics, out of 9846 candidates.

At GCSE level, the following were among the top ten who achieved the highest overall marks again with the Edexcel examination board: Emma Copham, Jackie Li and Sarah Parkin in Religious Studies (67731 candidates), Amy Bruland and Laura Stevens in German (19484 candidates), Emma Copham, Chantal Garman, Jenna Gould-Yates, Laura Mann, Hannah Owen and Angharad Simon in Spanish (15756 candidates).

Edexcel's Managing Director, Jerry Jarvis, said: "These are tremendous achievements and testament to the hard work students put into preparing for their exams. We send our congratulations to them all".

The Headteacher Ms Kate Barnett says: "It is an excellent achievement and testament to the hard work of the students as well as the dedicated support of their teachers."

A large number of students have now taken up their places at university, eleven of whom gained places at Oxford and Cambridge, and we wish them all the best for their futures. Others have deferred their places and are embarking on exciting gap years in other countries, trekking, travelling or doing work experience abroad such as spending a year as an au pair in Canada prior to going on to study languages; joining Raleigh International in Borneo and working in a children's orphanage in Nepal; or volunteering with the National Trust or RSPB in this country. Whatever they are doing and wherever they are going, we wish them all the best in their chosen lives after school.

In case you missed the results in August: at A2 level: 99.7% A-E grades were achieved, 77.2% were A/B grades and 53.1% were A grades; and at GCSE level: 98.7% A-C grades were achieved, 92.5% were A*+A+B, 77% A*+A, and 42.0% A*.