

## Post-16 Press Release 17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Congratulations to all of our students in Year 13. At Harlington we have seen a dedication and perseverance through a difficult set of years and it has culminated in the successes of this year's results.

Despite media news and government updates highlighting a return to pre-Pandemic grades and a national picture of grades falling compared to last year, our students seemed to have bucked that trend for Harlington and produced some great results enabling them to move forward and succeed into University, Apprenticeships and the world of work and beyond.

With a full return to pre-pandemic marking this year we all knew that predictions would be more difficult than before. However, the aspirations and belief of our staff and students has catapulted them to various successes.

These have been unprecedented times over the last few years and our Year 13 have continued to aspire and move forward to be that best version of themselves. We are so proud of them all. These last few years has not been easy and having missed out on sitting GCSE exams in 2021 it meant for all of our cohort they would not have sat an exam since their Year 6 SATS back in 2016! All the more credit for their ability and courage to persevere and buck the trend to enable their next stage of their lives to keep moving forward.



Simran Singh (left) A\*, A\*, A in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Now looking to pursue a Medicine degree.

'I am so pleased to have achieved these amazing results. A'Levels have been hard work but its paid off and I'm excited for the next chapter. My teachers at Harlington have been brilliant and I couldn't have achieved these results without their help and support'

**Antonia Grigoriu (right) A, B, C. Will now study Engineering at Loughborough University** 'I have achieved great results enabling me to get into my first-choice university - I couldn't be happier. My time at Harlington has been Amazing - particularly my 6th form experience and I thank all of the teachers for helping me achieve my results. I'm excited to head to university and take on the challenge of an engineering degree'



Harlington has continued to show a track record of gradual improvement and this year shows growth and stability from pre-pandemic levels. Not ignoring the last two years, but appreciating and accepting that this was the year results nationally have taken a drop and government data suggested lower than predicted results for this cohort. We are proud that they have continued the climb and achieve results ready to catapult them into the world of their choosing placing decisions firmly in their hands.



## Sami Rahman (left) A, B, B Zia Rahman (right) Dist, A, B

Both twins will now be studying Computer Science at Brunel

'We have achieved such great results and are so proud that the work we put into A Levels paid off. We have enjoyed our time at Harlington School and can't thank the staff enough for their dedication to our education. The staff have been fundamental in us achieving these results and we can't wait to continue our journey'

To the parents who have suffered and endured along this journey, we thank you for all your connections and support in enabling the successes of today to resonate. None of this would have been possible without your support. Your child should be assured that the results they receive today have been fully earned as a result of their hard work and achievements over the last two years.

This year we have seen some great achievements across the field but particular praise the following for their endeavours in achieving particularly commendable outcomes;



Simran Singh (A\*A\*A), Rhea D'Souza (A\*A\*Distinction\*B), Dilpreet Kaur (A\*A\*Distinction\*BC), Jamal Ahmed (A\*AA), Yasir Ahmed (Distinction\*AB). Overall, our students achieved around 76% A\*-C in their

A Levels (and equivalent qualifications) with a pass rate of 99% enabling the vast majority of them to progress into their planned next steps. Our students have attained places to study at a wide variety of institutions including Queen Mary, Queens Belfast, Bristol and Exeter. Together we have seen a rise, higher than government predictions, based on our pre-pandemic results and a guide that progress continues to be made at an upward trajectory.



On behalf of our whole School Community, Myself and Mr Jefferies want to congratulate you all and wish ALL of our Year 13 the best of luck as they collect their results and move forward to play their part in the world around us, always striving to be that BEST version of themselves.