



Exam stars put in **A** top effort

AFTER two years of hard work and weeks of nervous waiting, pupils across Croydon found out whether their efforts had paid off last Thursday, on A-level results day. Reporters Isabel Dobinson and Luke Jarmyn round up the results from across the borough

■ HARRIS ACADEMY SOUTH NORWOOD

Almost half (47 per cent) got top grades at A* to B. The executive principal said he was more than satisfied with the A-level and vocational results that reflect the massive efforts made by conscientious students and teachers. Rebecca West bagged an astounding A* A* and an A.



Rebecca West achieved grades of A*, A* and A

Elizabeth Petts and Lauren Sinclair.

■ WOODCOTE HIGH SCHOOL

The school issued a statement on its results that read: "The completion of the new A-level reforms this year have made achieving the best grades more difficult than ever. However, our results this year have further consolidated our position as one of the highest achieving schools and colleges in the area in terms of both A-level and vocational level 3 student performance."

Standout performers included Daisy Hemmings, who achieved four A grades, which will enable her to pursue her dream of studying medicine.

■ OLD PALACE OF JOHN WHITGIFT

89 per cent of all grades were awarded at A* to B.

Carol Jewell, head of Old Palace, said: "Students and staff have clearly excelled themselves—particularly in view of the new examination specifications and the many changes that have taken place." Ashleigh Taylor was a star performer, gaining three A* grades and three A grades.

A further nine students achieved A* and A grades across the board. They are Zoyah Ahmed, Anisah Ali, Freya Cornwell-Davison, Eliza Doro-Goldsmith, Catherine Jones, Asia Kinghorn, Fiona McNevin,

■ WHITGIFT SCHOOL

Upper sixth-form students picked up their A-level and Pre U (an alternative qualification that aims to prepare pupils with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed at university) results.

84 per cent of all grades were awarded at A* to B (85 per cent at A* to B when combined with the International Baccalaureate results). A total of 35 pupils gained straight A* and A grades (or Pre U equivalent) and one pupil achieved a remarkable seven A* grades at A level.

■ ORCHARD PARK

Two standout pupils at Orchard



Students at The Quest Academy Selsdon

Park were Malik Touray and Daniel Hill. Malik said: "I am really pleased with my results, they have exceeded my expectations as I got an A*, A and a B. It means I've done even better than my offer from York so I'm now considering applying for other Russell Group universities." Daniel said: "I'm ecstatic, I worked really hard for these grades, but couldn't have done it without the support of the sixth-form team and teachers."

■ NORBURY MANOR

91 per cent of Norbury Manor students have confirmed places at the university of their choice.

The north Croydon school achieved 41 per cent A* to B grades, and 74 per cent A* to C. Head of sixth form Richard Tyrrell explained: "After two years of hard work, and some very trying personal circumstances for some of our students, they have again achieved a really positive set of outcomes. I am super-proud of them."

■ CROYDON HIGH

Almost a third of all grades awarded were at A* or A, and 87 per cent of all the grades awarded were A* to C.

Headmistress Emma Pattison said: "This spirited and determined year group leaves us with far more than just their excellent academic results. They have contributed so much to the life of the school during their time here. They are ambitious, not only for their own future success, but also for their personal happiness."



Pupils at John Ruskin College

■ JOHN RUSKIN COLLEGE

Students at John Ruskin College are celebrating a 98 per cent pass rate for the college's Vocational Level 3 courses, with 69% achieving high grades.

Principal and chief executive Mohammed Ramzan wished his students luck, saying: "I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of them every success on the next chapter of their lives and to thank all the staff for their hard work and the valuable support they have given to the students."

■ JOHN FISHER

Students at The John Fisher achieved 24 per cent A* or A grades, 51 per cent A* to B and 76 per cent A* to C in their A levels.

Head teacher Philip McCullagh said: "For almost one in four of all A-level results to be A* to A grades, 51 per cent to be A* to B grades and over three-quarters A* to C is extremely pleasing.

"We smashed our A* to A target by almost 10 per cent, which is fantastic and to increase the percentage of A* to B grades by 7 per cent on last year is superb."

■ THE QUEST ACADEMY IN SELSDON

Students achieved a 100 per cent A-level pass rate for the fourth year running, meaning every Year 13 student passed

every one of their A levels. Overall, 81 per cent of all results achieved were A* to C at A level or equivalent.

Principal Andy Crofts said: "We're delighted by yet another year when every student has passed every one of their A-level courses. To have achieved four out of every five grades at C or better is testament to their hard work and the commitment of their teachers and families."

■ TRINITY SCHOOL

90 per cent of grades were A*, A or B, and 26 per cent of entries were graded at A*, an improvement on last year and the second best measure for the School since A*s were introduced in 2010.

Forty-seven students achieved three A grades or better, and 11 students achieved three A* grades or better, out of 131 candidates.

■ SHIRLEY HIGH



Ecstatic Trinity School pupils

SCHOOL

Shirley High got 75 per cent A* to C at A level and a 100 per cent pass rate in the whole year; 97 per cent pass with distinction/merit/pass at B-tech level, which is the same as three A levels.

Abbie West-Kelsey, 18, got an A* in sociology, an A in psychology and a B in business and is going to do an apprenticeship to be a tax technician at Moore Stephens accountants in London.

■ COLOMA CONVENT GIRLS' SCHOOL

The school has gained 24.6 per cent of grades at A*/A and 61.4 per cent at A*/B.

Head of sixth form Mrs Anne-Marie Stott said: "We are extremely proud of our students, of the excellent results they have achieved and of the progress they have made during their time in the sixth form."