



## Student Success in 2008

Press Release

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Principal's Message:

### Fantastic achievement for students at Havering Sixth Form College

I am delighted with the A Level pass rate of 98.3% this year. This is a further improvement on last year. Thirty three students have achieved three A grades or more with nine of these achieving four A grades. The A & B pass rate was over 42%. Four of our students have been congratulated by the examination board for being in the top ten in the country. These results are due to hard work, a love of learning and genuine commitment from young people, teachers and support staff in the College.

It is very encouraging that the fantastic learning that has taken place in College this year has been rewarded by such excellent results.

Havering Sixth Form College has a very broad curriculum and welcomes students of all abilities. To see so many students achieving such good results on a variety of learning programmes is truly inspiring.

Paul Wakeling, Principal



## A level Results:

- Number of students sitting A level or equivalent – 811
- A Level pass rate 98.3% - up from 97% in 2007 (excludes General Studies)
- 9 students gained 4 A grades at A Level
- 24 students gained 3 A grades at A level
- 29 A Level subjects achieved 100% pass rate
- A Level grades A & B pass rate 42.2%
- Many A Level subjects with high A & B grade percentages
  - Spanish 70%
  - Law 68%
  - Design & Technology 64%
  - Sociology 62%
  - Government & Politics 55%
  - History 52%
  - Chemistry 51%
  - Media Studies 51%
- A Level A-C grades 70.3% - up from 69% in 2007



### AS level Results:

- Number of students sitting AS level - 1019
- AS pass rate 90% - up from 88% in 2007
- AS grades A & B pass rate 31% - up from 28% in 2007
- Three students in the top ten for AS Graphic Design out of 2074 entries in the whole country

### Vocational Results:

Many subjects have excellent vocational results and a number of students have achieved outstanding personal success. For example, Clare Simmons achieved AA grades in her Health and Social Care Double Applied A level as well as a grade B in Psychology. She also passed Key Skills Communication at level 3 and ICT at level 2.

BTEC National Diploma in Business students, Piers Bowley, Jamie Hall, Craig Game and Billy Skingsley are all to be congratulated. The students, from Abbs Cross, Chafford and Gaynes, all achieved Distinctions on their two-year vocational course.

Five students achieved Distinctions on the BTEC National Diploma in Sport with a further seven achieving Distinctions on the BTEC National Certificate in Sport. The BTEC Introductory Certificate in Business, Retail & Administration had a 100% pass rate as did the BTEC National Award in Applied Science (Forensic Science.)

Further vocational results will be available shortly.



## Destinations:

Students from Havering Sixth Form College will progress to a variety of courses at universities across the country.

Asif Machada will study Medicine at UCL following a gap year; Jenny To will also study Medicine at Queen Mary University of London.

At least two students have places to study Business Studies or Finance at the prestigious Cass Business School at City University London.

Harsha Hirani will study Biomedical Science and Amy Kingman is taking up a degree in English Literature and Spanish – both girls will study at Surrey University.

UCL is clearly a popular destination with Tolulope Mohammed studying Medical Physics, Temitope Onabanjo studying Economics and Statistics, Charlie Barlow reading Geography and Gurpal Sagoo studying Physics there.

Lisa Whittington is off to Reading to study Speech & Language Therapy and Vicki Withrington has a place at King's College University to study Nursing.

A number of students have obtained places at Essex University including Emma Harrison and Emma Kennett who will study Sport & Exercise Science.

Further afield, a number of students have chosen Warwick University, where Katie Ashford will study English Literature, Ben Hancock will study Physics, Jacob Taylor will study History & Politics and Graham Hayfield will study Maths; Luke Woolen will be studying Classics at the University of St Andrews and Natalie Williamson has a place at the University of Dundee.

## Individual Student achievement:

Katy Ashford, who joined the College from Hall Mead School, achieved an amazing 4 A grade passes in her A Levels. Katy who plans to study English Literature at Warwick University, achieved her A grades in English Literature, Government & Politics, History and General Studies.

Ex Redden Court pupil, Charlie Barlow, achieved 2 A grade passes in English Language and Geography as well as Bs in English Literature and General Studies. Charlie plans to go to UCL where he will study Geography.



## Individual Student achievement:

Piers Bowley, formerly from Abbs Cross School will be going on to study at the prestigious Cass Business School at City University London. Piers achieved a Distinction in his BTEC National Diploma in Business and also picked up an Applied A Level in ICT and a Key Skills Communication qualification along the way!

Maria Dunn, will be heading off to Roehampton University this autumn to study English Language & Linguistics. An ex Sanders Draper student, Maria has achieved an amazing 4 A grades in English Language, Media Studies, Psychology and General Studies.

Emma Harrison and Emma Kennett, both former Abbs Cross pupils, achieved excellent results on their BTEC National Diploma in Leisure & Sport Development. Both girls achieved Distinctions and will now go on to Essex University where they will study Sport & Exercise Science.

Harsha Hirani, ex Forest Gate Community School, achieved three A grades in Chemistry, Biology and Maths. She intends to go to the University of Surrey where she has a place to study Biomedical Science.

Ex Lister student, Hana Khan, will be reading Architecture at Sheffield University having achieved 5 A level passes including A grades in Fine Art, English Literature and Twentieth Century History.

Katie McLurg, who also joined the College from Abbs Cross School, will be studying English Literature at Southampton University having achieved three grade A passes in English Literature, Fine Art and Photography as well as a grade B in ICT.

Tolulope Mohammed, who joined the Havering Sixth Form from Bales College in Harrow, is another student planning to go to UCL where he will study Medical Physics. Tolu achieved four A Level passes, two grade As in Maths and Biology and two grade Bs in Physics and Chemistry.



## Individual Student achievement:

Jason Reading who came to the College from Albany School has a place at Warwick to read Maths with Physics following his amazing 4 A Level achievement. Jason scored A grade passes in Mathematics, Further Mathematics, Physics and Computing to the delight of all his teachers.

Ex Royal Liberty pupil and Aim Higher Student Ambassador, Gurpal Sagoo, achieved three A grades in Mathematics, Further Mathematics and Physics as well as a grade B in Biology. These grades have secured him a place at UCL where he will read Physics.

Jacob Taylor, will go on to Warwick University this autumn where he has a place to study a Joint Honours Degree in History & Politics. Ex Langdon student, Jacob achieved an outstanding 4 A grade passes in his A Levels in English Literature, Government & Politics, History and Law as well as taking an additional AS Level in Critical Thinking in which he also achieved an A!

Another ex Abbs Cross student, Natalie To, has a place at Queen Mary University of London to read Medicine. Natalie achieved 3 A grade passes in Biology, Chemistry and Law.

Daniel Travis, a former Marshall's Park pupil plans to go to Southampton University to study Physics this autumn. Daniel achieved two A grades in Mathematics and Physics as well as three Bs in Biology, Chemistry and General Studies.

Ex Immanuel pupil, Lisa Whittington, will study Speech & Language Therapy at Reading University following her outstanding A Level success. Lisa achieved A grade passes in Biology, Chemistry, English Language and Psychology, delighting herself and her teachers.



### Individual Student achievement:

Natalie Williamson plans to study English and Psychology at the University of Dundee following her excellent A Level results. An ex Bower Park pupil, Natalie achieved grade A passes in English Language, English Literature, Psychology and General Studies as well as a C in Performance Studies.

Luke Woollen has secured a place at the prestigious University of St Andrews in Scotland where he will read Classics. The former Royal Liberty pupil achieved A grade passes in Biology, Classical Civilisation and Government & Politics.

### Students who have overcome adversity:

William Rowe who came to the College from Albany School has achieved 4 A Levels, grades A – C despite having a difficult time when he started college. Will found the transition from school to college difficult and suffered from panic attacks and anxiety. Initially, his attendance suffered but, with the help of the Student Support team, especially Senior Tutor Lucien Taylor and Learning Mentor Suzanne Hocking, he caught up on the work he had missed and now has a place at Brighton University. Will's message to other students is "Don't be nervous. Talk to people – they probably feel the same as you do."

Aaron Smith overcame several medical conditions and still went on to achieve 3 A Levels. Aaron, who came to Havering Sixth Form College from Gaynes School Language College, developed a brain tumour in September 2004. Despite having 10 months off school, with the help of a home tutor, he went on to achieve an amazing 10 A-C grades at GCSE. Joining Havering Sixth Form College in September 2006, Aaron settled in well and was enjoying college life. In December 2007 however, he developed a medical condition as a result of the radiotherapy he had had. This caused him to have seizures and he also developed mild agoraphobia and panic attacks. With the support of the College's support team (Karen McMahon, Sue Maynard and Tina Collingwood) and all his teachers, Aaron has successfully completed his A Level programme and hopes to go on to University. He feels very positive about the support he has received at the College:



Students who have overcome adversity:

"The past two years have been fantastic and one of the main reasons is the help and support the college has put in place for me. The Care Team has been there for me offering brilliant support during very difficult times. All my subject tutors have been incredible and have kept me on task with my A Levels."

Vicki Withrington, who joined the College from Brentwood Ursuline, has battled with a heart condition and anaemia throughout her two years at the College. Vicki, who achieved grades A/B in her Double Applied A Level course in Health & Social Care as well as a grade B at A Level Psychology, had to take a lot of time off but still completed her portfolio and passed her course with flying colours. Vicki was able to complete the work she missed as teachers emailed her assignments and she had the support of her mum as well as a Learning Mentor, Suzanne Hocking. The Head of Psychology, Geoff Brooker, also supported Vicki with her revision. Vicki has a place at Kings College, London to study for a Degree in Nursing.

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