

## Results 2016 - Students' Success!

2016 sees another really positive set of results for our A Level students enabling them to move successfully into employment, apprenticeships and further study in Higher Education.

### **Student Success Stories**

With three A grades in Maths, Biology and Physics, **Patrick Worrell** will be going on to study Physics at Manchester University. We are extremely proud of his outstanding achievement.

An Elated Patrick said "I feel like all of my hard work has been worth it. I want to thank all of the members of the Biology, Physics and Maths departments as they have always been supportive. Mr Andrews has also always been very comforting. Overall the Sixth Form has a very supportive environment to help you learn and I really appreciate it".

**Stephen Maple** gained an amazing two A\*s and an A in Physics, Maths and Further Maths and will study Physics at Birmingham University.

Stephen said "Having collected my results I can't help but feel elated that hard work does in fact provide results and I intend to go forth to university life safe in the knowledge that I have been prepared for anything that they can throw at me. I am immensely grateful to both the Maths and Physics departments for always being willing to go out of their way to assist and inspire those who have the desire to learn and I can be certain that I would not be doing what I am were it not for them nurturing and developing my interest, leading me to where I am today".

After gaining an A grade in Law and two B's in Psychology and Sociology **Alishia Bingham** has gained a place to study Law at York University.

Alishia said "Thank you for all the help received from the Sixth Form and especially Mr Andrews. I wouldn't have got into university if I didn't come back to Driffield Sixth Form.

**Will Dennis** has secured a place to study Mathematics at Leeds University with an A\* in Maths and two grade Bs in Further Maths and Physics.

He was delighted and commented "Wow! I feel so happy that all the hard work paid off and I've got into Uni. I would like to thank Mrs Hogben especially as she really helped me. I would definitely recommend Driffield School".

**Beth Stanhope** after gaining a place to study Philosophy at Durham University with ABB in English Literature, English Language and Philosophy and Ethics said "It's been an enormous relief to see two years of effort finally pay off. I feel extremely lucky, but it's definitely not luck that's brought me here. With the help and support of amazing teachers, I have had the inspiration I needed to push me to my full potential. I'm so grateful for the experiences I've received here and can't thank the school enough".

**Abbie Ingham** will be leaving the UK to go and study French at the University of Paris following her excellent grades in French (A), Travel and Tourism (B) and Food Technology (C). As she sets off on this exciting journey she commented “I would like to say a huge thank you to the French and Travel departments. The support from everyone has been amazing. Thank you!”

**Spencer West**, after gaining a place to study English Literature at Newcastle University with the grades ABB in English Literature, Media and Film offered the final word for prospective students.

“After two years of hard work, strenuous study and what frequently seemed to be an insurmountable task, I feel it is now important to emphasise the need to continue pushing for goals that seem so distant. Belief that the darkest part of the night is just before the dawn is crucial. Keep pushing, anything is possible!”

With a pass rate of 99% and three quarters of all grades being above a grade C many students are moving on to bright futures. Additionally with many subjects including Business, Chemistry, English, Film, Further Maths, Geography, Photography and Spanish gaining well over 80% grades A\*-C, results have been pleasing. This year also saw the best value added score for many years, highlighting that we are successfully gaining more for our students compared to previous years. **Maths has been a real success story this year, with outstanding A level results for the department. 80% of students taking Mathematics gained grades A\*-B and the average grade for the subject was an A.** Both Drama and Textiles continued their traditional strong performance with all Textiles students gaining a grade A or A\* and 57% of Drama students gaining a grade A\*-B.

I am proud of the achievements of all of our students and thank them for all their hard work over the last seven years and the many contributions that they have made to the School and Sixth Form. Staff have worked hard to support and challenge them in their studies and it always brings great pleasure to see them succeed. I wish them well for the future and always remain willing to support in any way I can.

Darren Andrews

Head of Sixth Form