

## **Norton Hill School GCSE Results 2009**

Once again, Norton Hill students have excelled themselves in their GCSE results. 85% of the pupils who took GCSEs gained 5+A\*-C grades or more and almost 70% gained 5+A\*-C grades with English and Maths.

Half the youngsters gained 10+ A\*-C grades and 25% gained 8+ A\*/A grades!

These results keep the school placed in the top 10% of all schools nationally for the seventh consecutive year.

Headteacher Peter Beaven said "This is our best set of results ever. With the debate in the National Press about "First Class" and "Second Class" subjects and the variety of easier courses schools can offer, I am pleased to say that we have stuck to our challenging curriculum which provides students with the best possible platform to progress into the top courses, top Universities and good jobs. These first class results are a tribute to all the hard work of students and staff alike."

Exceptional results were achieved by Jessica Xiao with 12 A\* GCSEs and one A.. Students with 10 or more subjects at A\* or A grades in individual subjects included Matthew Brimble, Jade Comben, William Comben, Steven Forse, Rebecca Hiller, Jenny Horne, Lawrence Jeffrey, Morgan Jones, Sam Lacey, Dan Porter, Amy Rodd, Ben Thomas Gemma Wright and Sam Yoxall.

Peter Beaven

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## **Norton Hill School A Level Exam Results 2009**

Once again, Norton Hill students have excelled themselves in their A' Level results. Whilst a pass-rate of over 98% has become the norm, this year sees over 50% of all grades being at A or B grade. The average UCAS point score is 311 which means that students achieved an average of more than 3 B grades.

12% of all students achieved 3 or more A grades in traditional A Level subjects. These included Becky Xiao who achieved 4 A grades in Maths, Further Maths, Chemistry and Physics. She is off to St John's College, Cambridge to read Natural Sciences. Tom Andrews also achieved 4 A grades in Maths, Biology, Chemistry and History. He will study Biology at University College, London.

Headteacher Peter Beaven said "This is a really fantastic set of results. It is a tribute to all the hard work of students and staff alike. Our students gained almost 20% more A grades than the national average for comprehensive schools. It must be remembered that most of these are in the traditional A Level subjects which are recognised as being more challenging than some of the newer courses. I am delighted that our 18-year olds have gained such a good platform for the next step in their education and career."

Subjects which achieved an exceptional % of A and B grades (over 50%) include Maths, Further Maths, Geography, Psychology, Chemistry, History and Biology (which had 85% of their grades at A or B).

Of the 105 students in Year 13 over 100 are going into Higher Education either this year or next year, including three training as doctors. Three others have gained Modern Apprenticeships and one is doing work-based training as an accountant. Universities attracting Norton Hill students include Cambridge, UCL, Warwick, Bristol, Bath, Exeter, Cardiff, Southampton, Reading, Leeds, Leicester, Birmingham, Plymouth, Glamorgan, Bournemouth and Northampton.

Peter Beaven

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