

## **Norton Hill A-Level Results 2011:**

Once again, Norton Hill students have achieved outstanding results this year. The pass rate of 99% has been repeated but this year 25% of all grades were either A or A\* grades and over 50% of students achieved B grades or above.

Students achieved an average UCAS point score of 315 which means that students achieved an average of grades ABB overall. Over 10% of students achieved 3 or more A or A\* grades and over 15% of students achieved an A\* grade for getting over 90% in every element of the course.

Students who sat the Cambridge Pre-U courses achieved exceptional results and guaranteed themselves places in the top universities of the Russell group. Students sat the Pre-U examinations in a range of subjects including History and Maths. The qualification allows students to achieve grades above the A\* grade available at A level and over 15% of students achieved this.

Five students achieved 3 or more A\* grades. This included students William Comben who took a combination of A level and Pre-U courses and is going to study History at UCL, Rebecca Hillier who also took a combination of A level and Pre-U courses is going to study Mechanical Engineering with Advanced Design and Innovation at the University of Bath, James Iley-Hazelgrove who is going to study Maths and Physics at Warwick University, Matthew Mitchell who is going to study Medicine at Nottingham University and Amelia Collins who is going to study History and Politics at York..

Laurence Phillips achieved an A\* and two A grades to gain his place at St Hugh's College at the University of Oxford to study History and Politics. Amongst other successes of students achieving A and A\* grades are Amelia Collins who will study History and Politics at the University of York, Sam Lacey who will study Biological Sciences at Imperial College, Dan Porter who will study Pharmacy at the University of Bath and Jo Skuse who will study Law at the University of Exeter.

Subjects which achieved an exceptional percentage of A and A\* grades include the Cambridge Pre-U Maths course with 100% of students achieving A and A\* grades, Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives Research with 50% of students achieving A grades, 55% of students achieving A grade and above in Chemistry and 71% of students achieving an A grade or above in the Extended Project.

Of the 120 students, over 95% are going into Higher Education. Universities attracting Norton Hill students include Oxford, Warwick, Queen Mary College, Imperial College, York, Reading, Southampton, Bath, Sheffield, Nottingham, Swansea, Plymouth, Birmingham, Exeter, and Aberystwyth.

Headteacher Peter Beaven said *"Norton Hill is committed to providing students with appropriately challenging courses to ensure they progress to the best possible place – be it University or work. All students who wanted a place at University have got a place – a tremendous achievement when so many across the country have failed to gain a place. I am delighted that so many of our students have managed to gain entry to the most prestigious universities. It is a credit to the students for all their hard work and to the staff who taught them."*