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## Continued GCSE examination success for the College!

**Students at Landau Forte College Derby again received outstanding GCSE results.**

Their hard work in the run up to lockdown hasn't been for nothing. Following the Government's announcement on Monday 17 August, the grades that teachers submitted for each student were awarded. They have received grades which reflect the effort they have put in over the course of their time in education, as judged

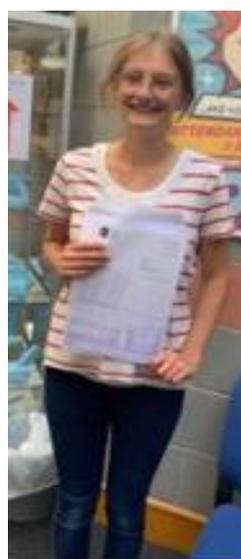
by their teachers. Staff and teachers have worked extremely hard to make sure that the grading for every student is fair and allows these students to go onto further education, employment or training – whichever is the best option for them.

**Alison Brannick, Principal at Landau Forte College Derby, said:**

"We have loved celebrating with our GCSE students and seeing how happy they are with their results. They have

worked so hard during their time at Landau Forte College Derby and they thoroughly deserve all the success they are seeing today.

"It is a shame that this cohort did not have the opportunity to show what they could do in their final examinations, but it is so important to celebrate the results they have achieved. The grades they received today thoroughly reflect the work they have put in during their time at school, and we are so proud of them."



# Landau Forte College Derby students celebrate A-Level success

**Students at Landau Forte College Derby have celebrated A Level success following the publication of this year's results, having endured months of uncertainty throughout the lockdown during their final term at school.**

With exams cancelled, the Government decided that students' results would be based on a combination of teachers' assessment of what grade a student would have achieved had they sat the exams, and the rank order of students within school, together with a national standardisation process which takes account of the school's performance over the last three years.

Students' hard work has been rewarded as 9.5% of grades achieved an A\*, compared to 3.6% last year. Overall, 30.5% of grades scored A\*-A, up more than 6% points from 2019.

Staff and teachers at Landau Forte College Derby have worked extremely hard to make sure that the grading for every student is as fair as possible, and allows students to take their next step – whether that is taking up a place at university or starting an apprenticeship.

Students have secured places at some fantastic universities, including Cambridge, Nottingham, Imperial College London, Exeter, Warwick and Derby. In addition, several students have secured high quality degree apprenticeships with companies such as National Grid and Toyota.

This year the following students did particularly well:

**Adrian achieved 3 A\*s and will go on to study Natural Sciences at Peter House College, Cambridge**

**Aba achieved 2 A\*s and 1 A, and will go on to study Law at Emmanuel College Cambridge**

**Zoe achieved 2 A\*s and 1 A, and will go on to study Biological Sciences at Exeter University**

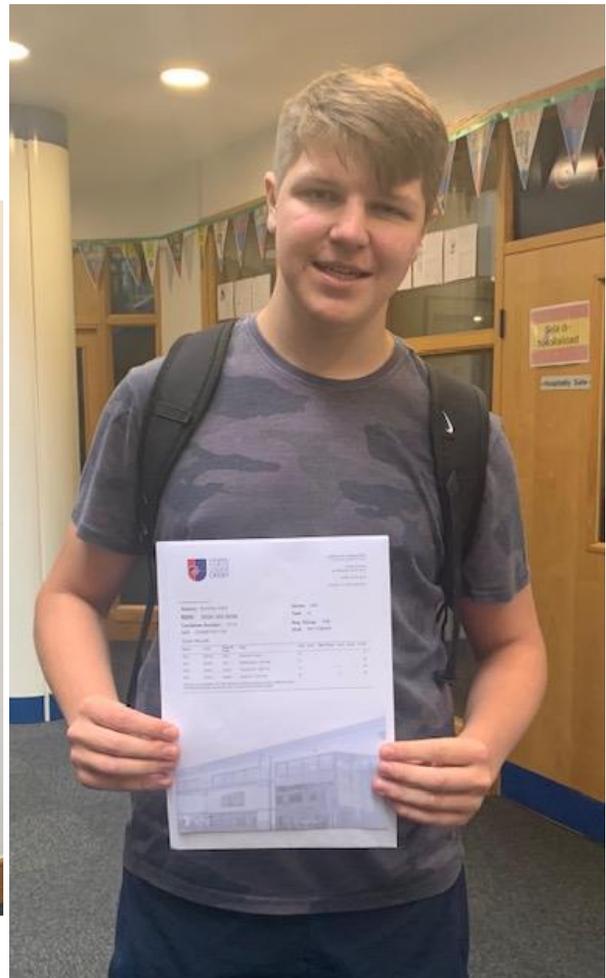
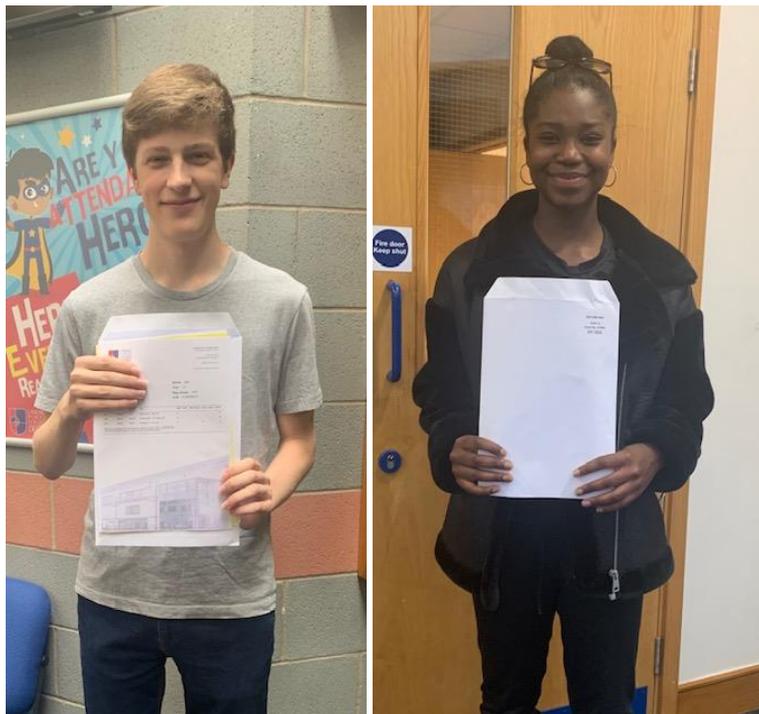
**Niall achieved 2 A\*s and 1 A, and will go on to study Maths at Imperial College London**

**Soraya achieved 2 A\* and 1 A's, and will go on to study Law at Murray College**

Alison Brannick, Principal at Landau Forte College Derby, said:

*"We have had a great morning giving out results and it was lovely to welcome students back on site and to celebrate the results of their hard work. Our students have achieved some excellent results and we are incredibly proud of them.*

*"It is a real shame that this very talented group of young people were unable to sit their final examinations but it is vitally important that we celebrate their significant achievements in these unprecedented and challenging times. They have coped remarkably well with the challenges thrown at them and we are all so proud of them."*



# Landau Forte College Derby young writers release poetry anthology

**Students from several year groups have worked with a professional writer to produce an anthology of short stories and poetry called *When The Pages Decay*. The anthology was produced in partnership with First Story, a national literacy charity whose aim is to encourage children to feel confident about their writing.**

Over the 2019-20 academic year, 21 students took part in a number of after-school creative writing workshops with First Story writer-in-residence Joe Marsh. Joe is a published playwright whose most recent play, *Shame Circle*, was longlisted for the Bruntwood Prize in 2019.

The anthology collects 42 poems and short stories written by the students varying on subjects from their families to fears over climate change. Copies of *When The Pages Decay* are commercially available, and a copy will even be archived at the British Library.

Over the course of the First Story programme, students also had the opportunity to submit their work to a range of creative writing competitions. Erin excelled here, being placed in the national shortlist for the 6-word-story competition and coming third overall in the 100-word-story.

Meanwhile Matilda won a full bursary to take part in the First Story virtual summer

residential, a week-long programme for a small group of young writers to work with a team of First Story authors.

**Richard Gidlow, Key Stage 3 Lead at Landau Forte College Derby, said:**

“What I can be certain of is their talent. It is something that can never be taken from them. It is something that will always grow and never fade.

“They bring us hope. They bring us a new perspective. We couldn’t be prouder!”

**Alison Brannick, Principal at Landau Forte College Derby, said:**

“We are so proud of all the students who took part in this project and their terrific writing. The finished anthology is a fantastic example of what our students can accomplish, with some incredibly powerful writing. It is great to see there is so much creative talent at the school, and I’m very excited to see what our writers will come up with next!”



**We’ve been named as the best school in Derby and Derbyshire...again!**

Landau Forte College Derby has been named as the best school in Derby and Derbyshire for the *second year running!*

We are very proud to inform you that, for the second year running, Landau Forte College Derby has been named as the best school in Derby City and Derbyshire by the national Real Schools Guide. The Real Schools Guide uses over fifty metrics to judge the quality of a school and it’s an honour to gain the top spot again! This achievement is testament to the hard work of all the Landau Community. Thank you for supporting us and making Landau Forte College Derby such a great school. You can find more detail about this fantastic achievement on the Derby Telegraph website.

# PE inter-house competition

**All years competed in the PE Inter-House competition during term 1. In true form, the weather was not on our side; we were supposed to be running an athletics event. Luckily we had back up plans and most PE groups took part in a 3000m relay with a couple of groups completing an athletics quiz when the weather was just too horrendous to get outside.**

The 3000m relay: completed on a 200m track, where students in their teams of 3-5 had to complete 15 laps. Student got to choose their own strategy for completing this, with most teams opting to do one lap each alternately so they could sprint and then rest. The quiz: 30 questions based on athletics and the Olympics; students working in House teams to complete all questions.

Students made a fantastic effort, we were really blown away by the hard work put in over the course of the week. There were some fantastic class efforts (9WP1, 11WP4) and some outstanding individual efforts where injuries occurred and other team members took on extra laps to support their team (Ashlynn and Ameera).

Well done to the following students, who were the fastest/highest scorers in their year group.

**Year 7** - Faris, Jerome, Bilal, Ismael, Sumanah, Shakira, Ameerah, Chloe, Dafe, Rian, Zavker, Jack, Emma, Sophie, Jamilla and Blythe.

**Year 8** - Isaac, Ashton, Dyerb, Ruthy, Kadie, Cora, Ahill, Aiden, Riley, Danyal, Hadassa, Maria, Antonia, and Chelsey.

**Year 9** - Sam, Midlaj, Akaash, Kelsea, Alesha, Merin and Amreece

**Year 10** - Keelan, Yash, Ishpreet, Ashlee, Ashlynn, Ameera, Usman, Josh, Hassan, Jamal, Louise, Tru, Will and Timea.

**Year 11** - Natasha, Paighton, Alice, Kirsten, Aoife, Lily and Eric

**Overall Best Quiz Score – Max and Samar**

**Overall results –**

Place	Score	House
1	117	Versatility + Liberty
2		
3	107	Equality
4	97	Opportunity
5	80	Diversity

**Year Group Results –**

Year	Winners
7	Liberty
8	Versatility
9	Versatility
10	Opportunity
11	Equality

OPPORTUNITY  
**19**  
HOUSE POINTS

VERSATILITY  
**37**  
HOUSE POINTS

DIVERSITY  
**14**  
HOUSE POINTS

EQUALITY  
**25**  
HOUSE POINTS

LIBERTY  
**28**  
HOUSE POINTS