



# Fearless Individuality

Highlights 2018-19



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This summer I had reason to research and write on the subject of women in educational leadership, and it was a sobering task. Not just because of the current position in schools, (state-funded schools in the UK, for instance, having a teaching workforce that is almost 75% female, yet only 38% of heads are women), but, rather, the wider picture in relation to the representation of women, and the fact that they still have to work harder to get to the top in many industries.

Cheryl Giovannoni, CEO of the Girls' Day School Trust (GDST), picked up on this in her speech to students, staff and alumnae during a recent Summit in London entitled 'New Rules – Preparing young women for a world of radical change'. Her speech explored old perceptions, especially with regard to possible career paths and their (perceived) likelihood of success. Her address was a reminder that, although girls outperform boys at school and university, they often start to fall behind early in their careers as the gender pay gap becomes all too evident. She noted that "in Forbes' list of the 100 most innovative leaders in America, only one woman was featured", questioning Forbes' understanding of both 'leadership' and 'innovation'.

New rules are needed to prepare young women for an unknown future in a rapidly-changing world, but also to ensure that they can affect that change, and that they are empowered to be the person that they need, and want, to be. This is not about 'women

getting ahead', but rather a requirement for a level playing field with equal opportunities for all. Indeed, Mrs Giovannoni remarked that 'to rewrite the rules and change the world for the benefit of all, we **all** need to work together. If we are to play by the rules, then we **all** want a voice in writing them. All of us. No woman – or man – left behind.'

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On a level playing field, it has to be about the best person for the job, and this was most certainly the case when we appointed Chris Bailey earlier this year. As Head of Junior School, Mr Bailey is responsible for nurturing the youngest of our students;

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Members of our Head Girl team at the GDST Summit (opposite)  
Learning outside the classroom

his passion for teaching and learning is infectious. His vision, he says, is 'to empower others, to develop independence and to generate a culture of mutual trust, respect and responsibility'.

Many of the girls in the Junior School and Nursery and some in the Senior School will experience a life that spans into the twenty-second century, and few dare to speculate what this means in educational terms. Where they do there is little consensus, especially when it comes to the full impact of artificial intelligence and emerging technologies on future employment. There is more agreement, however, on the types of skills required. Skills such as creativity, complex problem-solving, cognitive flexibility, emotional intelligence and collaboration. Gone is a sole reliance on rote learning, and in is the need for adaptability, fearlessness and to be oneself.

'Fearless individuality' – the title of this booklet – can, perhaps, be most easily observed in our Nursery's Kipper Room, where the youngest of our students play and learn without self-imposed boundaries or an understanding of the expectations of others and are, therefore, truly themselves. Not that others aren't of course, but as girls progress through the school their ability to demonstrate 'fearlessness' – or the ability to overcome fear – may be less obvious. It is overt as



they make choices at Forest School, have their first sleepover on a residential, scale a climbing wall on an outward bound course or push themselves to the limits on a Duke of Edinburgh or World Challenge expedition. But less obvious are the challenges overcome in the classroom and common spaces – the educational and personal fearlessness through which the girls have learnt to become less risk-averse, to avoid perfectionism in all areas of life and to understand that to fall and then to pick oneself up is often the best way to learn.

The results this year tell a story, and with 59% 9-7 (A\*-A) grades at GCSE and 70% A\*-B at A-Level, it is a very good one. Headlines cannot possibly tell the story of the individual, however; of the hurdles that she has overcome; her personality; her peculiar story; the risks she

has taken and of the 'added value' that she has accrued along the way. Each student has her own story to tell and this is where individuality makes its mark.

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To consider what it is to be an individual at Northampton High School, one only has to read this booklet to consider the myriad curricular and cocurricular opportunities, and to observe the outcomes and the awards that those who have excelled in their particular field have been recognised for. Imagine being the student who had the opportunity to perform in assembly, in CATS The Musical, or the 140th Birthday Gala Concert. The student who rode her horse in the

winning team at the Equestrian National Championship or played as a member of the U16 Netball team in the National Finals.

Others will have visited Europe as a part of the Erasmus+ project or have taken a unique eco-awareness trip to Zanzibar. They may have won an award in the GDST Creative Writing or Chrystall Prize Public Speaking Competition, or written an article for the school magazine; maybe they argued their case in the Model United Nations, listened to a visiting speaker or inspired fellow students, parents and teachers through Café Scientifique.

Individuality comes from making personal choices, developing a portfolio of interests and skills. This is mirrored in the classroom where our portfolio approach to learning further encourages girls to tread their own path





Our charity Easter Raffle was very well supported

and prepares them for their future lives. Initiatives such as the Confidence and Challenge (COaCH) programme in Key Stage 3 serve to further the girls' participation, sense of adventure and ability to give to others. The Minerva Series, a programme of interdisciplinary academic seminars for students in Lower Fifth (L5) to 6.2 allows girls to think critically beyond the confines of the curriculum, and, with our excellent pastoral structure and support network underpinning it all, girls are able to grow as individuals in a safe environment.

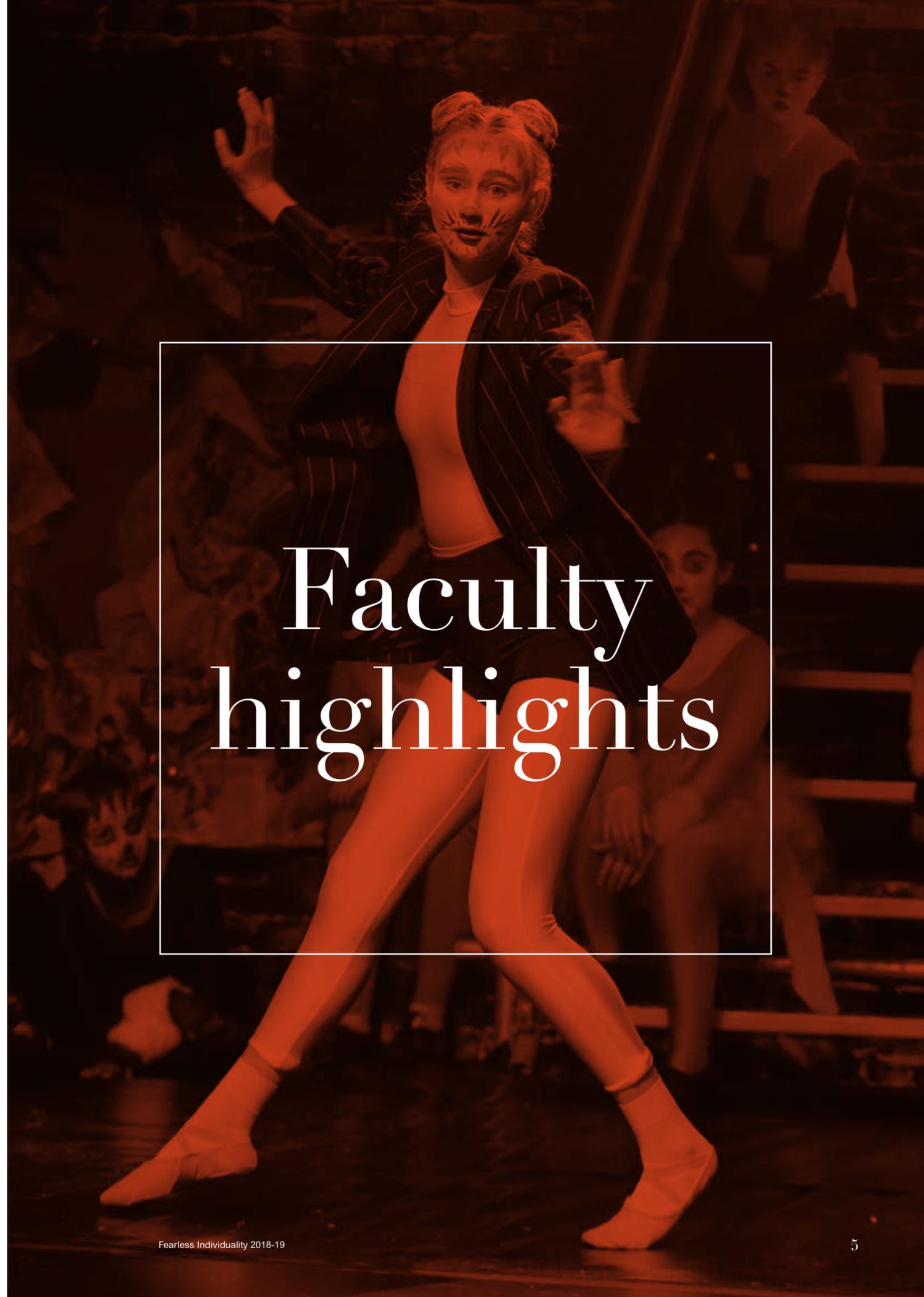
With their specific interests and skills, and several hundred GCSE and A Level combinations from which to choose, it is little surprise that each of our 6.2 students took their own specific routes at the end of last academic year. With destinations ranging from the University of Birmingham

and the University of Oxford, to highly reputed institutions in the USA and New Zealand, for studies including Music, Criminology and Comparative Literature, each girl found her own path to tread.

Despite their differences and the focus on individuality, there is much to connect our students - through friendships, shared interests and a common history. Their paths will cross many times because of these factors, at events such as this, and – for students leaving us at the end of 6.2 – as members of the Northampton High Alumnae Network. They also become a part of the Girls' Day School Trust Alumnae Network that, with over 70,000 members, is one of the biggest all-female alumnae groups in the world. They will join prize-winning authors, cutting-edge scientists, passionate campaigners,

legendary broadcasters, creative entrepreneurs, Oscar-winners, eminent professors, dedicated police officers, Olympian sportswomen and distinguished lawyers (and many more) as they begin to map out their own careers. As members of this connected community they will be offered one-to-one mentoring and the opportunity to go on to support the alumnae of the future.

Wherever life takes them, we wish our departing students, all our award winners and the wider student body all the very best for the next stage of their educational journey. May they be fearless in their pursuit of excellence, but accepting of the bumpy road; understanding of others but ever confident in themselves as individuals, and of their capacity to make a difference to the world.



# Faculty highlights

# Creative Arts

Our subjects in Creative Arts continuously support individuality, and the pupils plan and deliver highly personal work to show originality. 'CATS' enabled Year 6 and Upper Third (U3) to perform fearlessly in front of a packed audience for the first time, along with other confident performances from older cast members. The orchestra joined the actors on the stage, with younger instrumentalists supported through musical rehearsals by the more experienced members – all students playing magnificently through some very complex and intricately-scored parts.



Mia Woods' response to her interest in Neo Expressionism resulted in exciting A Level work, using her knowledge of shape, graphics and emotional literary concepts to communicate her personality and individuality. Indeed, all the 6.2 students in their workspaces in The Studio pursued different creative paths, which led to all successfully gaining places at their chosen universities. Sculptural highlights were delivered by Elisa Heming, with her African patterned tea set, and Olivia Foster, through her GCSE examination response to reflection. Olivia constructed a mirrored box, which she used to create some inventive personal photography. We enjoyed teaching a range of ceramics projects including Year 4 owls, Lower Fourth (L4) Islamic tiles and Upper Fourth



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A Level Visual Arts  
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School Musical production of CATS  
140th Birthday Gala Concert at All Saints' Church  
with Orchestra of the Swan



(U4) Tropicana plates. Coiling, slabs and other hand building techniques that were first unfamiliar were soon mastered through the perseverance and experimentation that the pupils brought to their lessons. It was a joy to see Year 4's excitement grow as the owls emerged from the coils. Perseverance was key as U3 worked through their animal paintings, carefully mixing acrylics and applying colours with great control.

The musical highlight of the academic year was undoubtedly the Christmas concert held at All Saints' Church, Northampton. The evening featured primarily baroque music and hosted several high-profile

professional soloists. Théa Deacon was able to duet with world famous Soprano, Rebecca Von Lipinski, Natasha Wilcockson performed the Haydn Cello Concerto, accompanied by Orchestra of the Swan and Helena Thomas performed the first movement of Vivaldi's 'Winter', followed by David le Page playing the Third Movement.

The A Level Music students have been wonderful, fearless and doggedly focused in pursuing their dreams; three of them gaining places at conservatoires and universities to study Music. Natasha Wilcockson, who is now studying History, won a

musical scholarship as part of her course and so will keep her fantastic performing going!

The music assembly performances have gone from strength to strength, with the doors now open for Junior School students to overcome their nerves and perform both in front of their peers, and to Senior students. This performance platform has led to many students becoming much more involved, most notably, Avani Nandhra, who has been a stalwart performer and is focusing determinedly on carving out a career path in Music.

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Food practical  
GCSE Textiles work



The Fashion and Textiles department continues to provide inspiration across the school. We have presented multiple pop up displays this year, and created a fantastic fashion film 'Meet the Makers', which documents our students' creative journey from initial ideas and concepts through to final realisation. (Please look out for a link to this later in the year.)

Fashion and Textiles projects have taken inspiration from a variety of themes this year including circus, eastern myth, the elements, maps and the British Empire. We have experienced some exciting enrichment trips including visits to the much-anticipated 'Dior Designer of Dreams' exhibition at the Victoria & Albert Museum, our annual pilgrimage to Graduate Fashion Week

and a visit to the University of Northampton Leather Technology Centre. Inspiring students to consider careers in the creative industries underpins our teaching and we are excited about the new adventures which await this year's A Level Textiles students as they begin their higher education courses. This year the paths chosen by our girls are diverse and representative of the variety of opportunities open to students studying A Level. The courses include Fashion Styling and Art Direction, Fashion Management, Animation and Hair and Make-up Design for Stage and Screen. New for this year we have introduced an extracurricular Sewing Bee, which welcomes students to learn garment-making skills, alongside our open studio sessions where students are welcome to explore and

experiment with textiles techniques and refine their project work. Later this year we are excited to welcome visiting textile artist Emily Notman into the classroom, to offer the opportunity for GCSE and A Level students to learn new skills from a practising mixed media artist.

The Senior Drama Company production of Dennis Kelly's 'DNA' showcased the amazing talents of the Senior dramatists, and the making of a menacing trailer helped promote the show. The trip to see 'The Lovely Bones' at the start of term for the GCSE groups gave stimulating material to write about in their exam. Theatre Prefects entertained senior citizens at the Venton Centre with a Christmas play. A performance to highlight influential women in music

followed for International Women's Day, as well as a fearless performance at the NMPAT 50th Anniversary Festival. When BBC Question Time broadcast from our school, Drama students received training prior to the live show. This was a valuable opportunity for them to experience live TV.

The musical CATS was a highlight of the year as we collaborated with Year 6 and the Ladies' Chamber Choir, as well as making links with Northampton College and their Stage Make-up course. Opportunities were given to Sixth Form girls to lead the choreography with fearless individuality! LAMDA classes

continue to grow in popularity with over 80 pupils taking examinations.

In the Food department this year, we have continued to enjoy collaborating with colleagues from across the school, including Roman cooking with Mrs Peto, Miss Monks and their Lower Fifth Latinists, and crêpe making with Mrs Diez and Year 5. We also worked with Waitrose Kingsthorpe for a fish filleting masterclass with the L5 Food students, and they are now able to demonstrate this highly skilled technique independently and fearlessly. We entered Eleanor Shoebridge into the Food Teacher's Centre and

Tunnocks Teacake Challenge with her creative presentation and she was commended for her efforts. Tilly Poole won the local round of the Rotary Chef Competition and went on to compete in the district round, where she was placed third out of 16 competitors; she is looking forward to the challenge again in November.

— Textiles at work



# English and Film

In June, as part of our Literary Week, we were privileged to welcome award-winning writer Clare Mulley to speak to our L5 and 6.1 students. Preceded by a poetry reading from Helena Thomas and introduced eloquently by Claudia Pieczka, Clare spoke about the life and times of Eglantyne Jebb, founder of Save the Children and all-round extraordinary woman. An engaging speaker, Clare provided insights into Edwardian life, as well as an idea of what it takes to be a historian and biographer. Funny, moving and inspirational, it was a delight to meet Clare and to have history come to life before our eyes. We were fortunate enough to be visited by the children's author Ross Welford later in the week who spoke to pupils from the Junior and Senior Schools. Ross expounded the magic of storytelling, both literal and figurative, explaining some of the concepts



of story construction. Pupils particularly enjoyed developing a collaborative story, live on stage, which featured Father Christmas arresting the Queen, who had stolen a jewel-encrusted egg. The Junior School were also treated to a visit from popular author Pippa Goodhart, famous for the 'You Choose' series of books.

Amidst such inspirational visitors, it is little wonder that we continue to see such amazing creative writing produced by our students. We were again very impressed by the number and quality of submissions made for the GDST Creative Writing and Laurie Magnus Poetry competitions. Shreya Sharma, Julia Okowinska, Ruby Howard, Georgia Lockey and Jessica Greenough should all be commended for winning the internal rounds of these competitions.

The student-run school magazine, 'Backchat', has gone from strength to strength. The quality of the writing and the artwork that has been featured is truly impressive. The 'Imagine' issue included some evocative photographs by Lauren Lloyd, as well as Naomi Worth's brilliantly detailed portraits of animals and humans, while Isobelle Aphilé's chilling 'Father Time's Fear' story concluded 28 pages of creativity and imagination. The 'Spectrum' issue, true to its name, showcased a wide range of contributions, including factual pieces on subjects ranging from period poverty and LGBT+ rights to artificial intelligence and environmentalism, as well as poetry, prose, news and photography. Particular highlights included a wonderful interview with Mr Loveday, conducted by Olivia Russell and Eeman Yousaf,



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Students at the UK film premiere of 'Yuli'  
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Students meet author Ross Welford  
Student magazine 'Backchat'

Jane Ampiah's meticulous studies of flowers and Jess Greenough's poem, 'For I Am Fearless'. None of this would have been possible without the contributions of the student body, of course, but particular thanks are due Elena Crawford, Saskia Jessop, Jess Cressey-Jones, Lexy Daly, Siya Arora, Olivia Russell and Eeman Yousaf, who have given hours of their time and spadefuls of determination to bring the issues to fruition.

Oracy continues to be an important focus for the faculty as well as the school, in developing students' confidence and ability to express their point of view. House debates were even more expertly contested this year, with topics including artificial intelligence, eating animals and the superiority of the current generation.

The GDST Chrystall Prize is contested each year by Upper Fifth (U5) students, with Diya Batra competing in the semi-final in Bath. Her topic was 'The creative shall inherit the earth', which she argued for persuasively and went on to respond impressively to judges' questions; she richly deserved to finish as Runner-up. We also had several students competing in the ESU Branch Final of the Churchill Speaking Competition, with Chelsea Hikwa, Hannah Smyth and Ebubechukwu Osehenye travelling to the Hazeley Academy in Milton Keynes to compete. Chelsea spoke on 'Words are, of course, the most powerful drug.' Hannah and Ebube hosted and responded to a speech from the team from Malcolm Arnold Academy on 'Britain should pay reparations for the harm done by Empire'. Our pupils spoke articulately

and confidently and they deservedly achieved the position of Runners-up.

Film has continued to be popular in the Sixth Form, with students enjoying the practical side of film production as well as the analysis of commercial films. The importance of film as a medium was highlighted when History and Politics students joined us to watch Jordan Peele's 'Get Out', which explores racism in America. Both AS Film students successfully gained an unconditional offer to study Film Production at university, showing how the subject can have direct application. A former student, Amelia Simpson, has also been named by the BFI as one of their 2019 faces to watch and we continue to take a keen interest in her emerging career.



# Humanities

The highlights of the year from the Business and Economics department were firmly focused on the theme of enterprise. The school's Young Enterprise company 'New Way' launched their innovative and environmentally conscious, artisanal bottle lights and gained many accolades for their individual designs. They sold their products at trade fairs in Northampton and Milton Keynes and of course to the loyal customer base of the High School. At the end of the year they competed fearlessly in the County Final and won the award for best customer service and best teamwork. The students grew in confidence and developed their resilience throughout their experience and were



Young Enterprise company 'New Way'

able to donate over £300 to a marine conservation charity. In addition to Young Enterprise, a group of students also participated in the University of Northampton's Changemaker Award scheme. Fifteen girls volunteered tirelessly at various organisations around the county and raised funds for two local charities: The Hope Centre Northampton and Baby Basics. One group helped to feed and clothe some of the homeless people living in Milton Keynes via the collection of receipts from a well-known purveyor of fast-food. The girls' initiative and enthusiasm resulted in all 15 students obtaining the Gold Changemaker Award. We are very proud of their efforts and hope they continue with their philanthropic work in the future.

A level Theology and Philosophy students delighted in a trip to Oxford to meet Dr Peter Vardy and attend his Candle Conference on 'Happiness'; students engaged fearlessly with the debate, whilst also having the valuable opportunity to reflect on what happiness means to them on a spiritual level. Our GCSE students embraced the opportunity to fearlessly dance at the Bhaktivedanta Manor, a Hare Krishna temple and cow sanctuary (goshalla), as well as eat, observe worship (puja), meet the cows, listen to a lecture

and interview members of ISKCON. Key Stage 3 students continue to be encouraged to express their individuality in a Theology and Philosophy club entitled #REinspired where students can explore religious beliefs, teachings and practices that fascinate them around the world. From the creation of aboriginal artwork to the making and selling of Christmas Cards for charity, this club has something for everyone and is popular amongst our students. U3 students very much enjoyed creating entries to the Spirited Arts competition run by NATRE; the pieces this year were, once again, truly beautiful and a great example of each individual student's interpretation of the theme of their choice.

History students continued to explore a landscape of varied activities designed to cement a strong understanding of the past in order to make sense of the changing world they live in today. Year 6 girls from the Junior School collaborated with L4 History students to produce an assembly for International Women's Day based on fearless female role models from the past, such as Emmeline Pankhurst and Edith Cavell. U3 pupils went to Shropshire to walk in the footsteps of the dawn of the Industrial Revolution through visits to Coalbrookdale and Ironbridge. We were also privileged to welcome into



school visiting speakers such as Professor Matthew McCormack from the University of Northampton and Cecile Irving-Swift, the Deputy Leader of Northamptonshire County Council. Our inaugural Model United Nations commenced with girls fiercely debating issues such as climate change and nuclear disarmament. The Politics & International Relations Elective journeyed to Westminster and studied a range of contemporary issues, ideologies and political systems, with the highlight perhaps being a chance to take part in rehearsals for BBC Question Time with Fiona Bruce in May.

In Geography, students have been increasingly engaging with current affairs, with a busy attendance to a REC seminar on the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. They built on work covered in lessons on the plight of refugees and the importance of human rights. Students have also made use of their understanding of ecosystems to help the Eco Team raise awareness of the importance of rainforests during World Forest Day by organising a 'pop up rainforest'. At Key Stage 3, pupils have taken part in the ongoing Young Geographer of the Year competition organised by the Royal Geographical Society, creating original work to explain 'where Geography can take you'.

In an exciting collaboration with the Junior School, Year 6 students visited the Senior School to learn about the effects of coastal erosion on Happisburgh and to propose how best to manage the coastline in the future. Outside of the classroom, A Level students completed some excellent independent investigations into real world issues, including Grace Gee, who achieved full marks for her investigation of infiltration, linking to flood risk in the Carding Mill Valley.



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An Eco Team Charity event  
Students play the Paper Bag Game  
L5 students at Bhaktivedanta Manor



# Languages

There is no subject area in the curriculum guaranteed to take you out of your comfort zone more so than Languages, where pupils are required to deal with real life situations and converse on a large variety of topics in a language other than their native tongue. This year has seen many of our students rise above this daunting challenge, evident from their excellent public examination results, their sojourn with host families abroad or performing in front of a live audience in a foreign language.

We wish our alumnae every success as they go on to further Language study: Kate Jameson (Classics at Oxford), Ezri Mannion (Linguistics at York), Mahita Tailor (Classics at Birmingham). All these achievements are testament to the hard work of our students, and time devoted to masterclasses during REC, after school or as part of holiday revision classes.

Languages trips are perennial highlights in the school's calendar. The German exchange to Amberg, now in its sixth year, provides an enormous challenge to the girls as they settle into German family life and attend school with their partners. The Spanish and Art departments' joint foray to Granada similarly allows for deep reflection amongst the girls of our relationship with our European family both artistically and linguistically. The L4



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German exchange partners working together in Amberg  
Students with our German Exchange partners from the Dr-Johanna-Decker-Gymnasium



Residential to Normandy is an integral part of the Key Stage 3 programme, building the girls' confidence and resilience by placing them in the heart of a cultural and linguistic challenge. The Classics and Art biennial odyssey to Rome highlighted students' fearless risk-taking as they experimented with newly acquired Italian phrases and cuisine, which brought to life connections between the past and present. The annual Latin Oxford Trip never fails to inspire our GCSE students to aim high in their aspirations for Higher Education: 'per ardua ad astra'. The visit to

Aquae Sulis facilitated the U4 to individually respond to the ancient world with remarkable interpretations in creative media.

Our educational offer has been enhanced this year by our participation in an Erasmus+ project with four other European schools, with a focus on creativity and digital competences to equip our girls for the future world of work. The Budapest ambassadors were our pioneers for the first mobility, bravely accepting the challenge of learning some Hungarian to try out with their



host families! All ambassadors have demonstrated immense collaboration, creativity and leadership skills during the many intercessional tasks. Our Language Leaders delivered some fantastic lessons in Tamil, Mandarin and Hindi to name but a few and our 6.2 Classicists ran a very successful Key Stage 3 group.

We are delighted that so many of our linguists bravely took up the challenge this year of performing in competitions in front of an audience. We were treated to superb poetry recitals in a range of languages from our L5 students and our L4 girls thrilled and amused with their Normandy sketches – delivered in fluent French without a script. U3 and U4 Latin students stretched themselves beyond the

*At first I was nervous; what would happen if no-one understood me? But it was amazing, just amazing... I didn't want to come home*

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L4 students visit Bayeux  
L4 students visit Mont St Michel during the Normandy residential



boundaries of the curriculum by writing and performing their own Latin films, and many U3 students took up the challenge of the Spelling Bee competition in Latin and Modern Foreign Languages.

What was particularly striking in the final Anglo-German workshop in Amberg this summer was not only the fearless individuality of each and every girl, but also the things that bind them together:

"We are girls  
We care about climate change  
We are part of the EU, NATO, UNO  
We aspire to thrive and positively change the world  
We want to leave our footprint on history  
We love to explore new cultures and learn new languages".

# STEM

In Mathematics this year we have seen some excellent examination results at both GCSE and A Level. Both Ellie White and Ujjesa Chaudhary have gone to study Mathematics and Lucy Exley has chosen to study Computer Science. We have had continued success in the UK Mathematical Challenges with special mention to Lexy Daly, Hannah Whitfield, Diya Batra and Daisy Rumsby who all qualified for the follow-on round, the Intermediate Kangaroo. We must also congratulate the other 24 students who were awarded certificates. Further to this, six of our Senior students fearlessly completed in the

Maths Olympiad. In July we again took U4 to Bletchley Park, to give them a flavour of the role that the codebreakers at Bletchley played in the war.

Daisy Rumsby was awarded a place at the prestigious Newnham College summer school in Cambridge. The goal of this summer school is to show students the beauty of Mathematics and the wide breadth of career opportunities, in order to encourage them to choose Mathematics at A Level. The residential was open to female students who are interested in studying Mathematics and related courses at a top university. On the residential,

Daisy took part in lectures and hands-on classes taught by Cambridge academics. Well done, Daisy.

Over the year we have introduced a 'number buddy' scheme with our L5 students helping U3 students with numeracy. These sessions take place during REC and a special mention should be made to Katie Ashton and Freya Tansley who made a significant contribution. We also had Sixth Form students helping L5 girls with their preparation for their GCSE exam this year.

Our Oxbridge preparation programme continued,



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Year 12 discovering oxides in a practical lesson  
Spectroscopy in a Suitcase (Opposite)  
Chemistry in action

taking place throughout the year and Mrs Forsyth was regularly challenged with queries over STEP questions. Currently, some of our 6.2 students are working with her in preparation for this year's applications.

The Science Faculty made confident, fearless strides along the path of new GCSE tiers of entry, fieldwork and trips for all year groups, and our first eco-awareness trip to Zanzibar. A new teacher in the Chemistry department brought renewed enthusiasm and a quiet confidence to the department, whilst clearly encouraging the girls to overcome their doubts about Science being difficult.



Mrs Hodgetts-Tate, Head of Faculty, along with some 6.2 students, brought Christmas to life with amazing chemistry experiments in the now annual 'Chemistree' Christmas lecture. In the spring term, Psychology students conducted psychological testing on each other to produce a fantastic poster seminar. In Physics, the topic of centripetal forces were fully investigated using drills and sparklers. In the summer term, A Level Biology students undertook their field trip, where they not only study aspects of Biology, but were given an allowance to make their own food for the week. A scary prospect for those who may never have cooked or budgeted before.

The new GCSE lends itself to many more practicals, and we have redesigned our practical provision to make this the centre of the learning in the Science curriculum from U3 onwards. L4 pupils were taken to Cambridge to experience STEM careers and they were very brave in their approach to their presentation of a sustainable product, winning first prize and a very tasty box of chocolates. Being fearless enough to rethink the

stereotypical female scientist role model has led to many of them considering potential new careers in STEM. New careers are opening up all the time in STEM and our students will be confident enough to break barriers and, we hope, be role models for the next generation.

This year the faculty worked closely with the Junior School during Science Week and throughout the year to encourage the younger students to embrace the fun side of the subject. Our theme this year for Science Week was 'journeys', and Mrs Hodgetts-Tate herself went on a journey as she taught every class from Reception to Sixth Form, and gave everyone a memorable assembly dressed as Dmitri Mendeleev cycling around the Senior hall.

In Biology this year our students have continued the tradition of excellence in many ways. One example is our VetMedSoc, a society for Sixth Form students who are preparing for careers in the medical and veterinary fields. Our candidates were again successful in their UKCAT examinations and all received offers from universities.

Attending an interview grilling at a university medical school can be quite daunting, but our students are well prepared and show fearlessness in such intimidating circumstances.

The Biology Olympiad run by the Royal Society of Biology gives our A Level students the chance to compete with the best biologists in the country. Elizabeth Johns won a gold medal and was invited to the prestigious award ceremony in London. She heard the guest lecture by Dr Sophie Scott on the science of laughter. Other Biology Olympiad achievements this year were silver for Gigi Howard, bronze for Matilda Ong and Olivia Green, as well as highly commended for Veena Shivakumar and Omofemi Enahoro-Bowyer.

Our Café Scientifique group of L5 students was very active this year, showing great initiative and teamwork. They organised and ran many events for younger students, as well as inviting scientists to come and talk to girls and parents about their careers. Highlights included Dr Suzie Imber who trained to be an astronaut, and Nicky Smith who was the first female helicopter pilot in the RAF. These role models broke the glass ceiling and have inspired our girls to be fearless in the future.

In Chemistry we had many students enter #700, which was the second year of the GDST STEM writing competition. We entered seven pieces of work, including

'Mind wide shut' by Rukaiya Sadikot, which featured a charismatic Chemistry teacher breaking the boundaries of teaching and encouraging her class to take on the world. All entries were commended by the judges. In March, the 6.2 chemists went on a trip to the Scott Bader laboratories in Wollaston to learn about Chemistry in industry. A variety of emulsions and polymers were investigated and sophisticated analytical techniques (such as gas chromatography linked to mass spectrometry, infrared spectroscopy, particle size determination) were used to confirm the identity of the materials made. Uses for the products include hand cream and oils for skincare. Some intrepid students took advantage of A Level Chemistry Live and heard lectures from cutting edge female scientists such as Dr Suze Kundu, who was talking about breaking boundaries with her work.

A Level Physicists participated in a trip to Warwick University where they used real data from CERN to track exotic particles. Journal Club has gone from strength to strength tackling up-to-date issues in Science with many lively debates, and alumna Rebekka Price, second year Aerospace Engineering, Nottingham University, enthused many with her talk on her latest project. Sixth Form Physics students have reached out to younger girls this year, running a Rocket Club for L4 pupils. They enjoyed competing fearlessly



(From top)  
Students visit Scott Bader Innovation Centre  
in Wollaston  
Students attend STEM Conference



to build rockets that went the furthest and the highest. This culminated in the launch of a rocket built in EngSoc on the school field. Junior School have also enjoyed visiting the Senior School laboratories. Year 5 threw themselves enthusiastically into investigation of the science of crumple zones in cars. They built their own models, which were designed using the Physics principle of Newton's 2nd Law, and tested them using the latest sensing technology to find the most successful.

In Psychology, there have been many opportunities for students to extend and broaden their knowledge beyond the A Level specification. For example, students attended the University of Leicester's 'Brain Awareness Day' to find out about the progress and benefits of brain research. Students had the opportunity to hear from distinguished brain scientists and take part in live demonstrations. Another highlight of the year was the 6.2 poster conference, where students presented their independent research projects with confidence and clarity. Areas of investigation ranged from the effect of misleading information on eyewitness testimony to the link between colour and mood.

# Sport

Clockwise from top: Students pose for a photo with Luther Burrell and Eboni Usoro-Brown at Sports Presentation Evening



School equestrian team celebrates their National Championship Show Jumping win

We are proud of our continued success within the Sports faculty this year, with students demonstrating a confident approach in both team and individual disciplines.

In netball, the U16s conducted a fearless campaign and qualified for the National Finals, finishing an amazing 12th in the country – congratulations to the whole team and Mrs Ford, their out-going coach. The U13 and U11 teams enjoyed the netball and outdoor pursuits activities on the annual trip to Conover Hall.

The hockey season started with players experiencing a fabulous Matt Taylor conference, where they met their idols, Kate and Helen Richardson-Walsh and Crista Cullen. Our 1st XI were narrowly edged out of the GDST rally, losing to penalty shuffles in the quarter finals. The U14s competed in the GDST Bath Hockey Weekend and qualified for the regional round of the English Schools. Our U11s competed in a hockey weekend in Newcastle and the U13s had an amazing time at Gresham's. As usual many of our students excelled in local clubs, county and regional performances. Congratulations to Maddie Down who qualified for the U15 regional hockey squad at the end of the summer term.

The U16 badminton team travelled to Nottingham to represent Northamptonshire in the Regional Badminton Finals finishing as runners up.

Swimming saw our U13 team yet again qualify for the IAPS National Finals. Emily Horne also qualified for the U12 National Finals. Our own fearless Paralympian, Ellie Robinson, continued her international successes and qualified for the World Para Swimming European Championships; winning gold in the S6/S7 50m fly.

The equestrian team built on their achievements in the second year of competition. For such a new team we are hugely proud that they are currently National Champions in the 1m class. In the field of Eventer Challenge, the team qualified for the prestigious national finals at Hickstead and there were qualifications for the Horse of the Year Show and the Royal International Show.



Clockwise from top: Tennis training  
Netball in action  
Students celebrate a point



Summer saw the start of our second year for all year groups playing cricket, with fixtures played against a number of local schools. The U15 team entered the GDST rally and qualified for the plate competition.

In tennis, both our U13 and U15 teams once again became division champions and have progressed to the next round to be played in the new academic year.

The school have developed links with Northampton Athletics Club and received expert tuition twice a week from qualified coaches. Individual successes came from Georgina Forde-Wells in her new-found discipline, triple jump, and Amelia Tutt in the 80m hurdles. Both were selected for English Schools in July at Alexandra Stadium where Georgina was placed 4th.

During the summer term the highlight for the school House competition has to be the whole school Sports Day. The beautiful weather saw many school records being smashed and it was a year with particularly high participation rates.



The Year 4 Enrichment and Disability Sport Awareness Day saw the largest number of schools and girls attending since it began. The girls experienced activities such as athletics, netball, hockey, tennis, tag and wheelchair rugby, as well as a great masterclass from Ellie Robinson.

This year's Sports Presentation Evening saw the achievements of the students fully recognised. We were thrilled to have guest speaker Ebony Usoro-Brown, England netballer and Commonwealth Games gold medallist, who gave us an insight into how to be fearless when coping with academic and sporting challenges. There was

also a Q&A session with Northampton Saints rugby star, Luther Burrell.

We held our second annual Gymnastics and Dance Extravaganza in July, when the Junior and Senior girls surpassed themselves with a fearless end to the year in a films-based event; one that we will be hard pressed to top.

# Partnerships

The Queen's Cross outreach programme has gone from strength to strength this year, creating new opportunities for engaging with the local community and high quality volunteering opportunities for our students.

The WHEW! (Women Helping & Empowering Women) project, generously funded by the Community Foundation, continued with a series of STEAM, Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths, Masterclasses in November and December. Girls from our Junior School were joined by 50 Year 6 girls from local primary schools and took part in interactive workshops including Forensic Science, Coding, and the Chemistry of Bath Bombs, which were delivered by our Sixth Form students.

In November, students from a local academy joined us for our Sixth Form conference, #Now'sTheTime designed to empower young women to start their working lives with the tools to advance their careers, gain equal pay and to progress without a ceiling. It featured an impressive panel of professionals from local businesses and universities. Noisy Classrooms who had worked with our Junior School on a previous project delivered a workshop on effective oracy and debating.

We have many links with the wider community and encourage student volunteering through our bespoke Sixth Form programme, which trains our students in Young Philanthropy in partnership with the Northamptonshire Community Foundation. Every girl at Northampton High School is encouraged and expected to be involved in a social action programme through our outreach work, which offers a wide range of local opportunities to volunteer. For example, in December, our Drama Prefects visited the Age UK Venton Centre in Northampton town centre delivering Christmas entertainment. The highlight of the trip was spending time talking to the members of the care home and learning about their fascinating lives.

In June, we welcomed 90 Year 5 girls from local state primaries for our highly-reputed WHEW! Science Extravaganza event, delivered by staff and students.

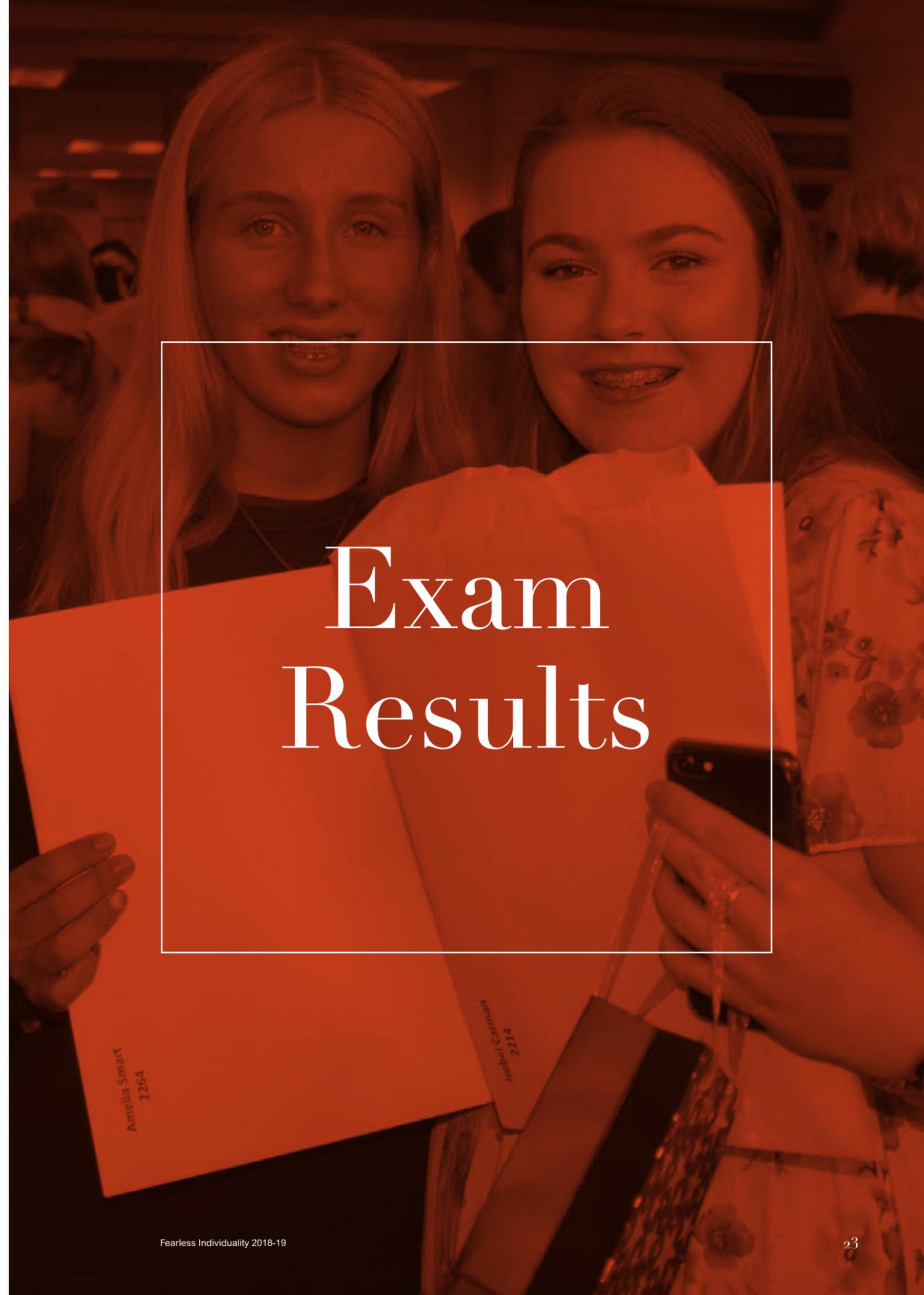
Our popular Sports Enrichment and Disability Awareness Day took place in July with six sporting activities – rugby, netball, hockey, tennis, athletics and swimming with a swimming masterclass taught by our national standard swimmers. 13 local primary schools and 400 girls joined us,

(From top)  
Staff charity donation to the Air Ambulance 2019  
WHEW! Science Extravaganza with local schools  
Sports Enrichment Day with Disability Focus, June 2019



and the girls experienced a number of different sports with expert teaching and guidance, learning that sport is accessible to all.

Our 140th Birthday Gala Concert, a highlight of the year, was held in December in All Saints' Church in the heart of Northampton. Current students and staff played alongside professional musicians from Orchestra of the Swan. Members of the church and wider community in Northampton joined us for the event, which was a fitting conclusion to our 140th birthday celebrations.



# Exam Results

# A Level



A Level: 39% of results were A\*/A



70% of results were A\* - B



86% of results were A\* - C



24% of students achieved three or more A\*/A grades

## Art

All of our A Level and GCSE artists worked hard on their courses; 91% of students at GCSE attained Level 9-6. Drama GCSE results were excellent; Ffion Donlevy, Annabelle Ellis and Amelia Tutt all gained full marks in Component 1 and Ellen Keys gained 47/48 in Component 2.

## English and Film

At GCSE we continue to see outcomes for our students which by far outstrip the national averages, with the top grades achieved at an astonishing rate. In English Language, cumulatively, we saw 46.9% of our students gain grades 7-9 (A/A\* in old money), compared with 22.8% nationally. In English Literature these figures were even more dramatic, where 59.5% of our students gained grades 7-9, compared with the national figure of 20.7%.

## Languages

Languages results were once again a cause for celebration, with 54% of our IGCSE German students achieving A\* and A grades, 59% of GCSE French students receiving grades 7-9, 50% of GCSE Spanish students obtaining grades 7-9, 87% of GCSE Latin students being awarded grades 7-9 and 100% A\* for Classical Greek GCSE.

## Humanities

GCSE Geography results were excellent, with more than one in four entries achieving the highest grade of a 9 and 57% overall achieving a grade 8 or more; the pass rate was 100%. A Level Geography results were strong, significantly outperforming the majority of centres nationally; three quarters of students received an A\* - B grade. We were delighted with our GCSE History results again this year; half of all entries gaining a grade 8/9 and all girls achieving at least a strong pass at grade 5. At A Level, 86% of girls taking History

received a grade B or higher. Religious Studies GCSE results were excellent with 14 out of 22 students achieving a grade 9. 81% achieved an 8 or more and 95% achieving grade 7 or more. Religious Studies A Level results were very good with 100% A\*-C achieved, and 50% achieving a grade A. In Business A Level, we were proud that 90% of students achieved A\*-B (100% A\*-C) and in Economics A Level 75% achieved A\*-C

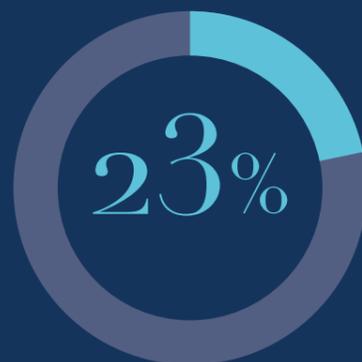
# GCSE

39% of grades at 9/8/A\*



59% of grades at 9/8/7/A\*/A

99% of candidates achieved seven or more 9-4 (A\*-C) passes



23% of candidates achieved all 9-7 (A\*-A) grades

## Maths

The students achieved another fantastic set of GCSE and A Level results in Mathematics. Ujjesa Chaudhary, Eleanor White, Lucy Exley and Azura Lin all gained A\* grades in Maths and Further Maths, with Ujjesa and Eleanor going to university to study Mathematics. Our GCSE results were equally fantastic with 11 students gaining the top grade of a 9 in Maths, but special mention should go to Ruby Howard who achieved the top grade in Maths, GCSE Further Maths and Statistics.

## Science

This was another stunning year for the A Level Sciences, with, on average, 86% of all grades in Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Psychology at A\* to C. Physics achieved some fantastic grades with 80% A/A\*. Our GCSE successes were impressive this year with Physics achieving 60% grade 7-9 (A\*/A) and Chemistry achieving nearly 40% grades 8/9. On average our students achieve 45% 7-9 (A-A\*) across all three science subjects at GCSE.

## Sports

At GCSE, Physical Education results were excellent with 100% achieving a 4 or higher, 75% gaining a 6 or higher and 69% gaining a 7 or higher.

# Prizes & Awards

## Academic Excellence and Progress awards

### Upper Third

Caitlin Aldridge  
Lois Beacroft  
Sahitya Bobba  
Emma Bristow  
Jasmine Campion  
Laura Charles  
Samiha Chaudhary  
Lucie Coombes  
Ruby Curtis-Free  
Ques-Li De Bruin  
Harriet Fordham  
Isabella Goodyear-Rea  
Freya Harrison  
Elisha Lal  
Mia Lewis  
Vivien Li  
Emma Neville  
Shruthi Padmabushan  
Leona Rendina  
Ishika Shah

### Lower Fourth

Angelina America  
Grace Crowley  
Annika Dani  
Ashmita Das  
Hannah Davies  
Janice Huang  
Charlotte Johns  
Katie Maybin  
Izabela Nabi  
Hannah Okamoto  
Rebecca Rea  
Nabila Sheikh  
Eleanor Smears  
Heidi Terblanche  
Gemma Watts  
Harriet Williams  
Yinuo Zhang

### Upper Fourth

Megan Allen  
Vidushi Banerjee  
Roseanna Beale  
Neeya Bhadresha  
Abhisri Chadalavada  
Florence Emery  
Eloise Harvey  
Amelia Hine  
Gaia Howell  
Amy Jenkins  
Evelyn Kerse  
Kathryn Li  
Amelia Murphy  
Olivia Russell  
Keira Shah  
Eeman Yousaf

### Lower Fifth

Katie Ashton  
Aliyah Black  
Anisha Chadalavada  
Jessica Cressey-Jones  
Alexandra Daly  
Florence Gundle  
Mishka Jessop  
Lily King  
Katherine Leahy  
Anraj Mahil  
Avani Nandhra  
Asha Nicolson  
Radhika Pandya  
Daisy Rumsby  
Grace Sansom  
Sabrina Sheikh  
Shreya Srinivasan  
Leah Tanna-Shah  
Isobel Ward  
Jodie Welton

## GCSE Academic Excellence awards

### GCSE

**Academic Excellence**  
Daria Alexander-Sefre  
Isobelle Aphalé  
Evelyn Beale  
Sophie Coombes  
Sophie Cox  
Anna Galliano  
Hannah Goddard  
Isabel Greenslade  
Ruby Howard  
Faye Hudson  
Shri Kakodkar  
Eleanor Koss  
Priya Lakkappa  
Chloe Mercer  
Shreya Mittal  
Shruthi Nagarajan  
Sonia Popazov  
Sophie Stringfellow  
Gemma Urquhart  
Hannah Whitfield  
Meenakshy  
Yogasigamany

## Marsden Gee Award for Outstanding A Level Results

Ujjesa Chaudhary  
Lucy Exley  
Jodie Hudson  
Kate Jameson  
Azura Lin  
Leyna Roy  
Eleanor White

## Head of Year Academic Achievement Award

Lydia Jazzar-Davis  
Megan Green

## Subject Prizes

Subject Prizes are awarded to the outstanding Senior girl working within each department in 2018-2019.

**Art** Mia Woods  
**Biology** Leyna Roy  
**Business** Jodie Hudson  
Francesca Musson  
**Chemistry** Veena Shivakumar  
**Classics** Imogen McKee  
**Drama & Theatre Studies** Ellen Keys  
**Economics** Lucy Exley  
**English Literature** Emily Simmonite  
**Fashion & Textiles** Sadie Lauder  
**Film** Leila Shahin  
**French** Kate Jameson

**Geography** Grace Gee  
**German** Ezri Mannion  
**History** Kate Jameson  
**Latin** Kate Jameson  
**Mathematics** Lucy Exley  
**Music** Natasha Wilcockson  
**Theology & Philosophy** Omofemi Enahoro-Bowyer  
**Physical Education** Eleanor Robinson  
**Physics** Eleanor White  
**Psychology** Omofemi Enahoro-Bowyer  
**Spanish** Gigi Howard



## Scholarships

**Upper Third Academic**  
Annabel Denman-Johnson  
Grace Hillis  
Jannat Hussain  
Manha Kamath  
Arna Kar  
Sonya Mittal  
Aarna Tonne

**Upper Third Performing Arts**  
Grace Hillis

**Upper Third Sports**  
Ella Darby

**Upper Fourth Academic**  
Eliza Ali  
Francesca Peabody  
Phoebe Thomas

**Upper Fourth Creative Arts**  
Aibhilin French

**Upper Fourth Performing Arts**  
Yinuo Zhang

**Upper Fourth Sports**  
Gemma Watts

**Upper Fourth Swimming**  
Hannah Davies

**6.1 Academic**  
Alice Andermahr  
Sophie Cox  
Hannah Goddard  
Ruby Howard  
Rebecca Knight

Chloe Mercer  
Shreya Mittal  
Tabitha Quine  
Rosie Sweetland  
Amelie Ward  
Hannah Whitfield

**6.1 Creative Arts**  
Shri Kakodkar  
(Commendation)

**6.1 Performing Arts**  
Ffion Donlevy  
Ellen Keys  
(Commendation)

**6.1 Sports**  
Georgina Forde-Wells  
Hannah Whitfield  
(Commendation)

**6.1 GDST Spirit**  
Daria Alexander-Sefre  
Sophie Coombes  
(Commendation)  
Rebecca Knight  
Hannah Whitfield  
(Commendation)

**Service Awards**  
**Upper Third**  
Gia Sidhu

**Lower Fourth**  
Alessia Emanuele

**Upper Fourth**  
Ellie Sentance

**Lower Fifth**  
Alexandra Daly

**Upper Fifth**  
Ellen Keys

## Special Prizes

### Lightburne Prize for Service to the School

Leyna Roy

### Wallace Prize for Head Girl

Mariam Ziada

### Mrs John Woods Prize for Deputy Head Girl (Student Services)

Grace Gee

### Mrs John Woods Prize for Deputy Head Girl (Charities)

Joanna Bradley

### Mrs John Woods Prize for Deputy Head Girl (Marketing)

Beatrice Allen

### Head of House - Artemis

Holly McPhee

### Head of House - Demeter

Imogen McKee

### Head of House - Selene

Oluwateniola Ramos

### Head of House - Hestia

Eleanor White

### The Sarah Casson Cup for Service to the School

Daria Alexander-Sefre

### The Natasha Sen Prize

Millie Creak

### The Susan Lamb KS3 Public Speaking Award

Chelsea Hikwa

### The Xing Ding Prize for Service to Music

Théa Deacon

### Environmental Prize

Kate Jameson

### Excellence in Public Speaking Cup

Poppy Jacobs

### Leaviss Mathematics Prize

Daisy Rumsby

### GDST Anne Hogg MFL Prize

Radhika Pandya

### GDST Travel Scholarship

Gigi Howard

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Leyna Roy

### GDST Minerva Prize 2019

Natasha Wilcockson

### The Governors' Cup (for Service)

Charlotte Fletcher-Stables

### The Miller Prize

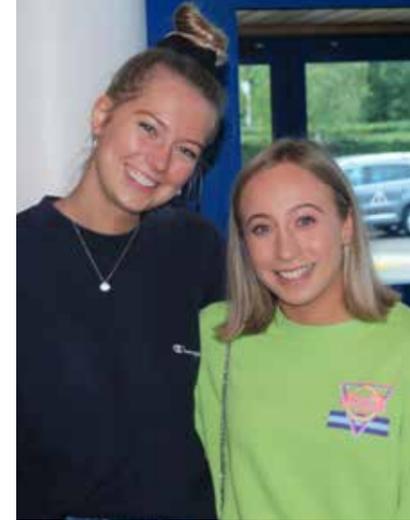
Oluwateniola Ramos

### HSBC Scholarship 2019

Rosie Sweetland

### HSBC Scholarship 2019

Rebecca Knight



## Junior Mathematical Challenge

### Bronze certificates

Eliza Ali

Ariana Baninoe

Fleur Beale

Laura Charles

Hannah Davies

Alessia Emanuele

Lauren Namujjuzi

Ella Nicholas

Irana Odunewu

Isabella Spokes

Heidi Terblanche

Amélia Wong

### Silver certificates

Sahitya Bobba

Samiha Chaudhary

Annika Dani

Tevini Dias

Janice Huang

Charlotte Johns

Miyali Kamath

Mia Lewis (who also

receives a certificate

for Best in Year)

Emma Neville

Julia Okowinska

Shruthi Padmabushan

### Gold certificates

Risha Bhasin

Katie Maybin

Shreya Sharma

(who also receives

certificates for Best

in Year and Best in

School)

### Junior Kangaroo

Qualifiers

Risha Bhasin

Shreya Sharma

## Intermediate Mathematical Challenge

### Bronze certificates

Isobelle Aphilé

Alexandra Berck-May

Millie Creak

Jessica Cressey-Jones

Shri Kakodkar

Niamh McArdle

Lydia Moseley

Asha Nicolson

Lucy Shepherd

Shreya Srinivasan

Leah Tanna-Shah

### Silver certificates

Siya Arora

Katie Ashton

Hannah Goddard

Isabel Greenslade

Ruby Howard

Mishka Jessop

Emily Macintosh-Young

Chloe Mercer

Shreya Mittal

### Gold certificates

Diya Batra (who also

receives a certificate

for Best in Year)

Alexandra Daly

Daisy Rumsby

(who also receives

certificates for Best

in Year and Best in

school)

Hannah Whitfield

### Intermediate

Kangaroo Qualifiers

Alexandra Daly

Daisy Rumsby

Diya Batra

Hannah Whitfield

## Mathematical Olympiad For Girls

Ashley Basford  
Ujjesa Chaudhary  
Saskia Jessop  
Anna Shao  
Eleanor White  
Naomi Worth

## British Biology Olympiad 2019

**Gold**  
Elizabeth Johns

**Silver**  
Gigi Howard

**Bronze**  
Matilda Ong  
Olivia Green

**Highly Commended**  
Veena Shivakumar  
Omofemi Enahoro-Bowyer

## #700STEM Challenge 2019

**Bilingual Brain**  
Nina-Mari Arhainx

**Can colour prevent visual stress?**  
Katie Ashton

**Depression nasal spray**  
Florence Gundle

**Submit**  
Avani Nandhra

**Mind wide shut**  
Rukaiya Sadikot

**Development of the Helicopter**  
Isobel Ward

## National Language Leaders' Award

**Spanish/Hindi**  
Shreya Mittal

**French**  
Claudia Pieczka  
Olivia Brittain

**German/Cantonese**  
Priya Lakkappa

**Chinese**  
Cherry Chen



## Duke of Edinburgh's Award

### Bronze

Daria Alexander-Sefre  
Isobelle Aphilé  
Lara Auld  
Mahnoor Azim  
Isabel Balkhi  
Diya Batra  
Bryony Bird  
Anna Brandon-Jones  
Alicia Breuer  
Harriet Clare  
Sophie Coombes  
Ffion Donlevy  
Alexa Dykes  
Annabelle Ellis

Charlotte Fletcher-Stables

Lily Gooch

Isabel Greenslade

Isobel Hand

Ruby Howard

Hannah Jamil

Juliette Keenlyside

Flora Kelly

Priya Lakkappa

Anika Lal

Emily Macintosh-Young

Niamh McArdle

Ellie McGuinness

Shreya Mittal

Alexandra Neuhoff

Claudia Pieczka

Sonia Popazov

Oviya Raja

Rosie Saxton

Polly Spokes

Leah Tanna-Shah

Isobel Ward

Jodie Welton

Hannah Whitfield

Jennifer Wienkamp

Meenakshy

Yogasigamany

### Silver

Katy Brightwell

Caroline Rookledge

Lucy Ward

### Gold

Joanna Bradley

Ujjesa Chaudhary

Noor Hammad

Gigi Howard

Ezri Mannion

Imogen McKee

Maya Patel

Eleanor White

## Royal Academy of Dance

### Grade 3 Solo Performance Award

Harriet Fordham Merit  
Connie Harvey Merit  
Kyla Watson Merit  
Laura Charles Distinction

### Grade 5 Examination

Georgina Forde-Wells Merit  
Jessica Lloyd Merit

### Grade 5 Solo Performance Award

Sophia Symeou Merit

### Grade 6 Examination

Ruby Howard Merit  
Lauren Marocco Distinction

### Grade 8 Examination

Kate Jameson Merit

## London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art (LAMDA)

### Level 1 Award in Performance

Tobi Akintade	Solo	Grade 3	Merit
Samiha Chaudhary	Combined	Grade 2	Distinction
Alessandra Jahina	Solo	Grade 2	Distinction
Amelia Lawrenson	Duo	Grade 2	Merit
Annabel Lloyd	Duo	Grade 2	Merit
Jane Sigobodhla	Combined	Grade 2	Distinction
Harriet Williams	Duo	Grade 3	Distinction
Vishnavi Yogasigamany	Duo	Grade 3	Distinction

### Level 2 Award in Performance - Acting

Eliza Ali	Combined	Grade 4	Distinction
Risha Bhasin	Combined	Grade 4	Distinction
Cecily Bullock	Solo	Grade 4	Merit
Leila Burge	Duo	Grade 5	Merit
Eloise Harvey	Combined	Grade 4	Merit
Phoebe Haynes	Combined	Grade 4	Merit
Rebecca James	Solo	Grade 4	Merit
Jessica Lloyd	Combined	Grade 4	Merit
Dishaa Manohara	Solo	Grade 4	Distinction
Katie Maybin	Solo	Grade 4	Distinction
Simran Sandhu	Solo	Grade 4	Merit
Grace Sansom	Duo	Grade 5	Merit
Ellie Sentance	Solo	Grade 4	Merit
Eleanor Smears	Combined	Grade 4	Merit
Hannah Smyth	Solo	Grade 4	Distinction
Sophia Symeou	Solo	Grade 4	Distinction

### Level 3 Certificate in Performance - Acting

Sophie Cox	Solo	Grade 6 (Bronze Medal)	Merit
Annabelle Ellis	Duo	Grade 6 (Bronze Medal)	Distinction
Lia Halpin	Solo	Grade 6 (Bronze Medal)	Merit
Rukaiya Sadikot	Solo	Grade 7 (Silver Medal)	Merit
Maaya Tailor	Solo	Grade 6 (Bronze Medal)	Merit
Amelia Tutt	Solo	Grade 6 (Bronze Medal)	Merit
Elena Wilmot	Duo	Grade 6 (Bronze Medal)	Distinction
Meenakshy Yogasigamany	Solo	Grade 6 (Bronze Medal)	Merit

## Associated Board of the Royal School of Music

### Level 1 Award in Performance

Freya Ainsworth	Singing	Grade 5	Distinction
Isla Allen	Flute	Grade 2	Merit
Caitlin Aldridge	Piano	Grade 1	Merit
Nikki Lily Atife	Piano	Grade 5	Merit
Nikki Lily Atife	Violin	Grade 3	Merit
Ariana Baninoe	Piano	Grade 4	Merit
Lois Beacroft	Flute	Grade 4	Distinction
Samiha Chaudhary	Guitar	Grade 3	Merit
Tevini Dias	Piano	Grade 4	Merit
Catherine Eden	Trombone	Grade 8	Distinction
Harriet Fordham	Clarinet	Grade 3	Merit
Harriet Fordham	Piano	Grade 1	Distinction
Connie Harvey	Trumpet	Grade 1	Distinction
Connie Harvey	Trumpet	Grade 2	Merit
Grace Hillis	Violin	Grade 6	Merit
Grace Hillis	Piano	Grade 6	Merit
Rebecca James	Voice	Grade 5	Distinction
Rebecca James	Piano	Grade 3	Distinction
Rebecca James	Music Theory	Grade 4	Distinction
Arna Kar	Piano	Grade 1	Merit
Xinyu Shannon Meng	Piano	Grade 4	Distinction
Tilly Poole	Violin	Grade 3	Merit
Leona Rendina	Tuba	Grade 4	Distinction
Rose Sapwell	Flute	Grade 2	Merit
Olivia Scurr	Violin	Grade 8	Distinction
Varnikaa Sengar	Piano	Grade 2	Distinction
Isobel Seymour	Singing	Grade 1	Distinction
Keira Shah	Piano	Grade 2	Merit
Abigail Waugh	Flute	Grade 3	Merit
Amélia Wong	Piano	Grade 4	Merit
Selina Xintong Yu	Zither	Grade 4	Distinction

### Sports Leaders Award Level 2

Alexa Dykes
Charlotte Fletcher-Stables
Jessica Greenough
Polly Roberts

### Most Improved Sportswoman

Upper Third	Ruby Curtis-Free
Lower Fourth	Gemma Watts
Upper Fourth	Georgia Millburn
Lower Fifth	Jodie Welton
Upper Fifth	Anna Sigobodhla (hockey)

### Most Talented Sportswoman

Upper Third	Arianna Hay
Lower Fourth	Charlotte Johns
Upper Fourth	Jessica Picot
Lower Fifth	Anraj Mahil
Upper Fifth	Georgie Forde-Wells



## Sixth Form Sports Awards

### Players' Player Award

Hockey	Isabel Greenslade
Netball	Hannah Whitfield

### Coaches' Player Award

Hockey	Alexa Dykes
Netball	Georgina Forde-Wells

### Individual Awards

#### Sarah Hunt Award

For contribution to Swimming

Ezri Mannion

#### Headmistress' Sports Award

Full colours in more than one sport

Alexa Dykes

#### Vicki Parker Award

For contribution to PE Department

Eleanor Pilling

#### Exceptional Achievement Award

Eleanor Robinson

#### Sports Personality

Georgina Forde-Wells

### Netball

#### Full Colours

Nina-Mari Arhainx
Georgina Forde-Wells
Gemma Urquhart
Hannah Whitfield

#### Half Colours

Evelyn Beale
Alicia Breuer
Anna Galliano
Ellen Keys
Lily King
Radhika Pandya
Polly Roberts
Anna Sigobodhla

#### Commendations

Upper Fifth
Jaisie Burnett
Sophie Coombes
Poppy Jacobs
Chloe Mercer

#### Lower Fifth

Louisa Calder
Suzannah Gibson
Anraj Mahil
Lydia Moseley
Isobel Pearson
Molly Roberts-
Crawford
Lucy Shepherd
Sophie Taylor-Lewis
Jodie Welton

#### Upper Fourth

Feyi Afonja
Jane Ampiah
Neeya Bhadresha
Riley Culverhouse
Madeleine Down
Katie Harrison
Eloise Harvey
Amy Ingle
Rebecca James
Evelyn Kerse
Rebecca Lowe
Ebubechukwu
Osehenye
Jessica Picot
Tilly Poole

#### Aneesa Sheikh

Angelica Suma
Emilia Thompson
Lilli Trimble
Eve Welton

#### Lower Fourth

Eliza Ali
Jayna Bhadresha
Cecily Bullock
Laibah Choudary
Grace Crowley
Hannah Davies
Megan Do
Alessia Emanuele
Phoebe Haynes
Janice Huang
Charlotte Johns
Evie King
Katie Maybin
Ella Nicholas
Anjola Ogunsola
Rebecca Rea
Simran Sandhu
Shreya Sharma
Nabila Sheikh
Eleanor Smears
Isabella Spokes

#### Isabelle Thorpe

#### Upper Third

Ariana Baninoe
Fleur Beale
Jannah Bryan
Laura Charles
Samiha Chaudhary
Ruby Curtis-Free
Rosie Davis
Olivia Filtness
Harriet Fordham
Connie Harvey
Arianna Hay
Emily Horne
Isabel Hull
Alessandra Jahina
Caitlin McClurg
Jessica McClurg
Grace Moulton
Emma Neville
Shruthi Padmabushan
Jane Sigobodhla
Elizabeth Tansley
Charlotte Urban

## Hockey

### Full Colours

Joanna Bradley  
Alexa Dykes  
Isabel Greenslade  
Hollie-Megan Mullen  
Eleanor Pilling

### Half Colours

Evelyn Beale  
Laura Charlesworth  
Sophie Coombes  
Madeleine Down  
Suzannah Gibson  
Francesca Musson  
Isobel Pearson  
Molly Roberts-Crawford  
Hemali Shah  
Leila Shahin  
Lucy Shepherd  
Anna Sigobodhla  
Gemma Urquhart  
Eve Welton  
Jodie Welton  
Hannah Whitfield

### Commendations

6.1  
Rena Baines  
Kate Jameson  
Emily Potter

Upper Fifth  
Sophie Cox  
Anna Galliano  
Ellen Keys  
Elysia Lay  
Chloe Mercer

Lower Fifth  
Esmé Ellis  
Lily King  
Anraj Mahil  
Charlotte Morris  
Lydia Moseley  
Radhika Pandya

Upper Fourth  
Jane Ampiah  
Neeya Bhadresha  
Katie Harrison  
Eloise Harvey  
Rebecca James  
Georgia Millburn  
Jessica Picot  
Angelica Suma  
Emilia Thompson  
Lilli Trimble

Lower Fourth  
Eliza Ali  
Jayna Bhadresha  
Cecily Bullock  
Laibah Choudary  
Alessia Emanuele  
Phoebe Haynes  
Charlotte Johns  
Miyali Kamath  
Evie King  
Ella Nicholas  
Lauren Namujjuzi  
Anjola Ogunsola  
Francesca Peabody  
Simran Sandhu  
Emma Saxton  
Nabila Sheikh  
Isabella Spokes  
Isabelle Thorpe  
Gemma Watts  
Harriet Williams

Upper Third  
Nikki Lily Atife  
Jennah Bryan  
Emma Bristow  
Laura Charles  
Ruby Curtis-Free  
Harriet Fordham  
Connie Harvey  
Arianna Hay  
Emily Horne  
Alessandra Jahina  
Caitlin McClurg  
Jessica McClurg  
Grace Moulton  
Emma Neville  
Shruthi Padmabushan  
Ishika Shah  
Jane Sigobodhla  
Charlotte Urban  
Kyla Watson

## Badminton

### Full Colours

Veena Shivakumar

### Half Colours

Diya Batra  
Shri Kakodkar  
Anraj Mahil  
Shreya Srinivasan

## Tennis

### Full Colours

Charlotte Johns  
Anraj Mahil

### Half Colours

Lilli Trimble

Lower Fourth  
Ella Nicholas  
Isabelle Thorpe

## Gymnastics

### Full Colours

Georgina Forde-Wells

Lower Fourth  
Hannah Pearson

Upper Third  
Ruby Curtis-Free  
Rosie Davis  
Ques-Li De Bruin  
Harriet Fordham  
Anika Khanam  
Mia Lewis  
Grace Moulton

## Swimming

### Full Colours

Ezri Mannion (re)  
Chloe Mercer

### Half Colours

Kate Jameson

### 6.1

Grace Gee (re)  
Caroline Rookledge  
Helena Thomas (WP)  
Lucy Ward (WP)

### Upper Fifth

Sophie Coombes

### Lower Fifth

Jessica Langdon

### Upper Fourth

Ellie Chinnock  
Rebecca James  
Anna Johnson  
Rebecca Lowe  
Amelia Murphy  
Ellie Sentance

### Lower Fourth

Phoebe Haynes  
Lauren Namujjuzi  
Ella Nicholas  
Isabelle Thorpe

### Upper Third

Fleur Beale  
Jasmine Champion  
Elyse Collins  
Lucie Coombes  
Ruby Curtis-Free  
Emily Horne  
Sophie Johnson  
Stefanie Langton  
Emma Neville  
Emma Saxton  
Anushka Thomas  
Charlotte Urban

## Cross Country

### Upper Fifth

Elysia Lay

### Lower Fifth

Sabrina Sheikh  
Lucy Shepherd

### Upper Fourth

Emilia Thompson

### Lower Fourth

Hannah Davies  
Phoebe Haynes  
Gemma Watts

### Upper Third

Ariana Baninoe  
Lois Beacroft  
Ruby Curtis-Free  
Freya Harrison  
Emily Horne

## Athletics

### Full Colours

Georgina Forde-Wells

### Half colours

Amelia Tutt



## 2017/18 Sports Achievements

## Swimming

### International

Eleanor Robinson

### Nationals

Chloe Mercer  
Freya Stevens

### Regional

Anna Johnson  
Rebecca Lowe

### County

Ellie Chinnock  
Rebecca James

### IAPS Nationals

Finalists  
Hannah Davies  
Phoebe Haynes  
Qualified for Final in Fly  
Emily Horne  
Ella Nicholas  
Qualified for Final in  
Breast stroke  
Isabelle Thorpe

## Netball

### County

Jane Ampiah  
Arianna Hay  
Phoebe Haynes  
Evie King  
Lily King  
Jessica Picot  
Jane Sigobodhla  
Angelica Suma

### Regional

Hannah Whitfield  
Trials

### U18 National Finals

Hannah Whitfield  
Alicia Breuer  
Georgina Forde-Wells  
+ Performance  
Pathway  
Anna Galliano  
Ellen Keys  
Lily King  
Radhika Pandya  
Anna Sigobodhla  
Gemma Urquhart  
Hannah Whitfield

## Badminton

### County

Diya Batra  
Shri Kakodkar  
Veena Shivakumar  
Shreya Srinivasan

## Tennis

### County

Ella Nicholas  
Isabelle Thorpe  
Lilli Trimble

### Regional

Charlotte Johns

### Trials

Anraj Mahil

## Hockey

### JAC/County

Suzannah Gibson  
Hollie-Megan Mullen  
Hemali Shah  
Lucy Shepherd  
Anna Sigobodhla  
Eve Welton  
Evelyn Beale  
Harriet Fordham  
Arianna Hay  
Alessandra Jahina  
Isobel Pearson  
Molly Roberts-Crawford  
Jane Sigobodhla  
Jodie Welton

### Regional

Madeleine Down  
Trial

## Athletics

### County

Charlotte Creak

### National Finalist

Georgina Forde-Wells  
English Schools  
Amelia Tutt  
National Finalist

## Cross Country

### National Finalist

Ruby Curtis-Free  
English Schools



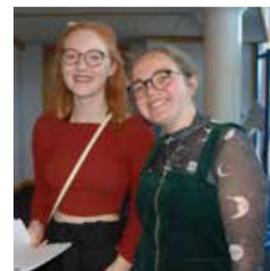


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 #Now'sTheTime Conference  
 Northampton High in the snow  
 Cutting the cake for our 141st Birthday  
 Sea views on residential trip  
 In the Christmas spirit  
 Winners at the Public Speaking competition  
 Singing with Rebecca von Lipinski



# University destinations

Name	Course	University
Beatrice Allen	Criminology	University of Leicester
Olivia Green	Medicine	University of Sheffield
Maheen Abdullah	Geography	Queen Mary's University of London
Ashley Basford	Civil Engineering	University of Birmingham
Hannah Berck-May	English	University of Birmingham
Joanna Bradley	International Hospitality Management	Oxford Brookes University
Katy Brightwell	Psychology	King's College London
Ujjesa Chaudhary	Mathematics	Imperial College, London
Théa Deacon	Music (Composition)	Royal Birmingham Conservatoire
Catherine Eden	Music (Brass)	Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
Omofemi Enahoro-Bowyer	Psychology	King's College London
Lucy Exley	Computer Science with Digital Technology Partnership (PwC)	University of Birmingham
Grace Gee	Geography	University of Leeds
Megan Green	Nursing	De Montfort University
Noor Hammad	Criminal Justice and Criminology	University of Kent
Amy Hillyard	International Tourism Management	University of Brighton
Gigi Howard	Natural Sciences	Lancaster University
Jodie Hudson	Geography and Business Management	University of Leeds
Kate Jameson	Classics	University of Oxford
Elizabeth Johns	Medicine	University of Leicester
Emily Johnson	Graphic Design	Norwich University of the Arts
Sadie Lauder	Special Effects/Film/Studio Make Up	The Iver Make-Up Academy, Pinewood Studios
Azura Lin	Mathematics and Statistical Science	University College London
Lydia Luo	Economics	King's College London
Ezri Mannion	Linguistics	University of York
Imogen McKee	Law	University of York
Holly McPhee	Fashion Marketing and Branding	Nottingham Trent University
Alice Morgan	Nutrition	Oxford Brookes University
Francesca Musson	International Relations	University of Leeds
Matilda Ong	Biological Sciences	University of Leicester
Maya Patel	Economics	Nottingham Trent University
Teni Ramos	Liberal Arts (Music)	Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, USA
Kai Reynolds	International Relations and Politics	Oxford Brookes University
Caroline Rookledge	Paramedic Science	Coventry University
Leyna Roy	Medicine	University of Birmingham
Kerryn Schilling	Psychology	University of Leicester
Leila Shahin	Film Making	Birmingham City University
Anna Shao	Economics	University, New Zealand
Veena Shivakumar	Medicine	University of Sheffield
Emily Simmonite	Psychology	University of Bath
Mahita Tailor	Classical Literature and Civilisation	University of Birmingham
Eleanor White	Mathematics	University College London
Amy Whittaker	Fashion Marketing and Branding	Nottingham Trent University
Natasha Willcockson	History	University of Birmingham
Mia Woods	Fashion Image Making and Styling	University of Salford
Jessica Young	Psychology	Oxford Brookes University
Abby Zhang	Economics	Brunel University London
Kristy Zhou	Animation	University for the Creative Arts
Mariam Ziada	Comparative Literature	Queen Mary's University of London



# Class of 2019





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 Hestia get in the spirit at Sports Day  
 6.1 Biology Field Trip  
 Sporting excitement  
 Food in the sun  
 The performance of CATS was a huge highlight this year  
 Picnic outside for Welcome Day  
 Duke of Edinburgh expedition  
 House pride for Selene  
 House pride for Selene  
 140th Birthday Gala Concert



# Staff

We said goodbye to a number of colleagues at the end of the academic year, including Mr David Norman, Mr Godfrey Green and Mrs Lucy Flannagan who had joined us on short-term contracts.

Mrs Elizabeth Arkell moved to Oundle School, where she has achieved her ambition of becoming Director of Academic Music after three years at the High School. Mrs Arkell is a highly accomplished keyboard player, both organ and piano, and we were fortunate to be able to hear her play regularly as a sensitive and encouraging accompanist to our instrumental players. Her intelligent and thoughtful approach as a musician and mentor will be missed by many students.

Miss May Balchin left us after two years to take up a position as a Classics teacher closer to her family home in Bath. Miss Balchin completed her induction year with us and became an inspiration to many students who appreciated her clarity of thought and her passionate approach to the teaching of Latin and Classical Civilisation.

Miss Karen Bricknall took up a position as a full-time Teaching Assistant in a local school, having served as a Creative Arts Technician at the High School. She was a great advocate of performing arts in general, and particularly supportive of school concerts and productions.

Mrs Erica Ford retired from the PE Department at the end of the last academic year. Joining us in 2010, she quickly established herself as a key member of the sports faculty and her reputation as a netball coach developed year on year, until, in her final year with us, she achieved her ambition of taking her team to the National finals, where the school placed 12th overall.

Miss Emily Gibbard left us after a three-term contract as a Graduate Sports Assistant. A High School alumna, she moved on to pursue a career in education and secured her first teaching position at the Royal Latin School in Buckingham.

Ms Zeliah Gunal left her position as an IT Technician to take up a full-time role in the mobile phone industry as a Technical Support Guru. She will be missed by pupils and staff for her calm and supportive approach to resolving IT issues.

Mrs Jo Hackett left Northampton High to begin her exciting new role as Director of Sport at The Loughborough Schools Foundation. Mrs Hackett joined the school in 2010 with the brief of developing sport and the range and breadth of fixtures and extracurricular activities on offer at the school. Her influence went far wider than the school itself, however, as she became GDST Consultant Teacher for Sport in 2016. Her legacy will be a full and blossoming sports curriculum both here and in the wider Trust, where she championed the development of cricket in particular.

Miss Sarah Hanlon, our School Counsellor, left us after nearly 4 years to take up a new role in Manchester and to begin her Masters studies. Sarah is a highly accomplished and thoughtful counsellor whose holistic approach to mental wellbeing enabled her to work well with the rest of the wellbeing team to support our students in times of need.

Mrs Kim Li-Lakkappa successfully completed her treatment for breast cancer and has consciously taken time out to recuperate fully. She joined us as a Biology Teacher four years ago, having been a High School parent for several years beforehand. Mrs Li-Lakkappa brought her inventive teaching style to the classroom and a 'can-do' attitude and energy to everything that she did. An active member of FONHS, she was instrumental in many fundraising campaigns and a highlight of her time at the High School was organising and preparing students for their trip to Zanzibar earlier this year.

Mrs Dawn McCue left her position of Catering Manager after almost 12 years' service to the school. During this time, she managed the implementation of many changes to school catering, including the introduction of compulsory lunches, the new sandwich room, the refurbished dining room and the very popular salad and jacket potato bar.

Mrs Stephanie Sinclair left the Junior School after a year for family reasons. It was, she said, the best year of her teaching career, but her husband's career forced a move back to Suffolk, and she and her two daughters, who also joined us at the High School, bade a sad farewell.

Mrs Jo Webb left us to follow a slightly different direction as a Teacher of Mathematics at Moulton. Mrs Webb's highly-respected skills as a teacher and sports coach translated effortlessly into the classroom, both as a PE specialist and also as a teacher of Psychology for a number of years. We are sure her new Maths pupils will benefit from her calm and methodical approach.

We also bade farewell to three minibus drivers: Mr Paul Jinks, Mr Chris Mannion and Mr Alex Smith. As the first dedicated team of school minibus drivers, they helped to develop the service over the past few years, and we now feel confident to introduce an extended late bus service.

### Governors

There have been no changes to the makeup of the Governing Board this year but I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Deirdre Newham, Chair of Governors, and all members of the board for their unstinting contribution and support.

### Staff Long Service Award

20 Years – Debbie Hill & Jo Purvey-Tyrer

15 Years – Russell Attwood, Kevin Boom, Dee Brown, Kathryn Farrar, Charlie Hurst, Rebecca Hymers and Rina Laubscher

10 Years – Heather Berry, Alex Down, Sonia Fraser, Keith Sampson



INSET Day Ice Breaker for Staff



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