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Continued Examinations Success at St Christopher's School

St Christopher's School students who sat National Curriculum, GCSE, A-level and IB examinations this summer achieved an excellent set of results! National Curriculum tests ('SATs') are taken by 7 and 11 year old students. The General Certificate of Secondary Education examinations (GCSE) are entered at age 16 (Year 11). A-levels (Advanced Levels) and IB (International Baccalaureate) are sat at the age of 18. At A-level, students generally sit either three or four subjects. SATs for 11 year old students and all GCSE and A-level examinations are taken in Bahrain but marked by Examination Boards in England.

A Level Results and University Destinations

The pass rate at Advanced level was 98% across all taught A-levels, with 39% being given grade A and A* and 66% being awarded grade A*, A or B. (In the UK the figures were 27% A*- A and 53% A*, A or B.) 14% of all grades were A* (the UK figure is 8%). These figures stand comparison with good independent schools in the United Kingdom. The students who earned these results have gone on to Universities and Colleges in the UK, USA, Canada and elsewhere around the world. Whilst the School is very proud of all A-level students there were many outstanding *individual* A-level results this year:

Yousif Rouben attained 4 A* grades in A-level Economics, Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics, and 1 A Grade in A-level Chemistry as well as a Merit in AEA Mathematics. Yousif, who was a recipient of the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Award, is studying Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and Economics at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA.

Kripa Balachandran attained 4 A* grades in A-level Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics and 1 A grade in A-level Music. Kripa is studying Chemical Engineering and Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge, UK.

Meghna Goveas attained 4 A* grades in A-level Psychology, Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics. Meghna is studying Life Sciences at the University of Toronto, Canada.

Akhilesh Goswami attained 3 A* grades in A-level Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics and 1 A grade in A-level Economics. Akhilesh is studying Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, Wharton School of Business, USA.

Feras Alajmi attained 2 A* grades in A-level Physics and Mathematics, and 4 A grades in A-level Economics, Arabic, Chemistry and Further Mathematics. Feras, who was a recipient of the Crown Prince's International Scholarship Award, is studying Economics, Mathematics and Engineering at Yale College, USA.

Sami Al-Mashouk attained 2 A* grades in A-level Mathematics and Further Mathematics and 2 A grades in A-level Chemistry and Physics. Sami is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Cambridge, UK.

Tabassum Dungarwalla attained 2 A* grades in A-level Chemistry and Mathematics and 2 A grades in A-level Biology and Further Mathematics. Tabassum is studying Biochemistry at Imperial College London, UK.

Sarah Lawson attained 2 A* grades in A-level Geography and Fine Art, and 1 A grade in A-level Mathematics. Sarah is studying Geography at the University of Sheffield, UK.

Mazen Almaskati attained 1 A* grade in A-level Biology and 3 A grades in A level Arabic, Mathematics and Psychology. Mazen is studying Medicine at Imperial College London, UK

William Hart attained 1 A* grade in A-level Spanish and 3 A grades in A-level Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. William is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Bath, UK.

Fay Fulad attained 1 A* grade in A-level English Literature and 2 A grades in A-level Psychology and History. Fay is studying Politics at University College London, UK.

Ahmed Alsaegh attained 1 A* grade in Mathematics and 2 A grades in A-level Economics and Further Mathematics. Ahmed is studying Economics at University College London, UK.

Madiha Khan attained 1 A* grade in A-level Mathematics and 2 A grades in A-level Physics and Further Mathematics. Madiha is studying Architecture at the North South University, Bangladesh.

Loay Sperinck attained 4 A grades in A-level Economics, Physics, Mathematics and Further Mathematics. Loay is studying Computing at Imperial College London, UK.

Christopher Boutari attained 3 A grades in Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics. Christopher is studying Biochemistry and Sciences at the University of Waterloo, Canada.

Roderick Boyle attained 3 A grades in A-level Business Studies, History and Design & Technology – Resistant Materials. Roderick is studying Economic and Social History / Business and Management at Glasgow University, UK.

Nikita Human attained 3 A grades in A-level Biology, Chemistry and Mathematics. Nikita is studying Medicine at the University of the Free State, South Africa.

Lauren Hutton attained 3 A grades in A-level English Literature, Psychology and Spanish. Lauren is taking a gap year.

Hannah Mohamed attained 3 A grades in A-level Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. Hannah is studying Chemical Engineering at the University of Manchester, UK.

Omran Saeed attained 3 A grades in A-level Economics, Biology and Mathematics. Omran is studying Philosophy and Economics at University College London, UK.

International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) Results and University Destinations

The grades for the IB Diploma range from grade 1 to grade 7 (with 7 being the highest). Grade 7 is equivalent to the new A* grade in the A level grading system. Achieving a grade 7 is very difficult with around 7% of all grades being awarded a grade 7 worldwide – our figure for grade 7 was 14% and is double the world average. 43% of our grades were at grade 6 or 7 compared to 26% worldwide. The Diploma pass rate was 89% (the worldwide average is 78%) with an average IBDP points score of 34 points (the worldwide average is 31 points).

The students who earned these results have gone on to Universities and Colleges in the UK, USA and around the world. Whilst the School is very proud of all IB students there were many outstanding *individual* results:

Robert Jamieson attained 43 points in his IB examinations. Robert is studying Natural Sciences at the University of Durham, UK.

Fras Wasim attained 42 points in his IB examinations. Fras is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Southampton, UK.

Saguna Goel attained 41 points in her IB examinations. Saguna is studying Economics and Management Science at Stanford University, USA.

Ashraf Abbas attained 40 points in his IB examinations. Ashraf is studying Medicine at the University of Nottingham, UK.

Sangeetha Alagappan attained 39 points in her IB examinations. Sangeetha is studying Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of California, Berkeley, USA.

Emily Baines attained 39 points in her IB examinations. Emily is studying Law at the University of Durham, UK.

Jackelyn Wren attained 38 points in her IB examinations. Jackelyn is studying Geography at the University of Leeds, UK.

Saud Hassan attained 37 points in his IB examinations. Saud is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Texas at Dallas, USA.

Lenore Ramirez attained 37 points in her IB examinations. Lenore is studying Art and Business at the University of Waterloo, Canada.

Sa'ad Dayaji attained 36 points in his IB examinations. Sa'ad is studying Biological Science at the University of Leicester, UK.

GCSE Results

In these examinations the percentage of grades A* to C was 91%. The equivalent figure for all UK schools is around 70%. Over 47% were graded A* (the 'super' A) or A as compared to a UK figure of about 23%.

96% of the students in Year 11 obtained five or more A* to C passes including English and Mathematics – the UK figure for this statistic is around 53%.

59 students achieved 5 or more A*-A grades.

The top 40% of students in the year group (54 students in all) obtained A* or A grades in 82% of all of the exams that they entered. St Christopher's results show, yet again, that the School is able to match and exceed the results of the best English private schools.

Outstanding Individual GCSE Achievements!

The GCSE students shown below performed excellently, each earning seven or more A* and A grades at GCSE levels.

12 A* or A

Devi Prakash Nair

11 A* or A

Aleena Fazli, Bhavna Ramachandran, Anna Romanska, Elias Vouzounis, Amira Zeyada

10 A* or A

Hasan Al Setri, Sophie Austin, Aislinn Cote, Sabrin Daredia, Aadam Goucem, Mehak Kampani, Ahmed Mohieldin, Leena Panjvani, Angelina Plazzotta, Saleema Rojubally, Sarah Shaikh, Aditi Shirke

9 A* or A

Insiya Alvi, Charles Andrews, Ali Jasem, Shaurya Kalsi, Sreedevi Kesavan, Samir Khonji

8 A* or A

Mohammed Al Ghatam, Mahmood Al Khenazi, Natasha Benkhadra, Puna Hanson-Singh, Mubtaseem Khandker, Charles Smith, Yasmeen Zainal, Hanna Yateem

7 A* or A

Samar Alomran, Bridie Boyd, Edward Chalak, Joseph Dossary, Hasan Elgohary, Alexander Farrell, Craig Gonsalves, Lydia Hasan, Jenna Kamal, Deepali Kavalani, Palmyra Mattner, Holly O'Neil

Commenting on these results, Ed Goodwin, Principal of St Christopher's School said:

"We are all highly pleased by these results. They result from excellent teaching standards; the fine attitude of our students and the support of parents for their children's education. Our A-level and IB Students are now ready to thrive at universities around the world and 100+ returning GCSE students, are ready and able to benefit from A-level studies at St Chris and also from our International Baccalaureate (IB) programme.

Mr Goodwin added:

As always, although we are pleased with our results – excellence is a journey and not a destination – and so we will strive to achieve even better outcomes in the future"