

A-level results

'Delighted' head teacher praises 'inspirational attitude' of pupils

STUDENTS at William de Ferrers School in South Woodham Ferrers are celebrating after A-level results day, with many now preparing to begin university courses, apprenticeships and careers across a variety of sectors.

Students have secured places at universities such as Exeter, Bristol, Nottingham, Lincoln and Manchester, with others entering apprenticeships in landscape gardening, electrical services, dental nursing and degree apprenticeships within the police force and engineering.

The results come at the end of a

period of continued improvement, during which the school welcomed James Donaldson as executive head teacher through support from the school's trust, The Chelmsford Learning Partnership. Since his appointment in 2024, he has worked alongside staff to strengthen teaching, learning and outcomes across the school.

Miss A Farrar, head of sixth form, said: "We are immensely proud of every single one of our Year 13 students today. Their hard work, combined with the dedication of our teaching staff, has paid off in these phenomenal results. To see our A* -

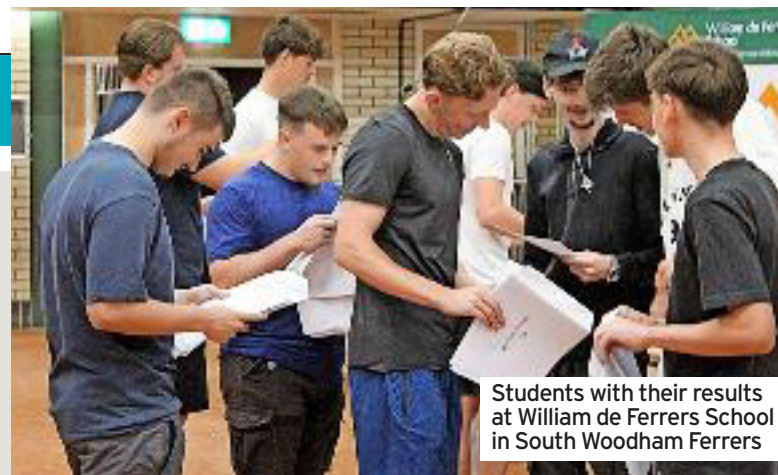
B percentage jump by seven per cent compared to last year is a testament to the culture of ambition we have cultivated together."

Among this year's success stories is Jennifer, who achieved one A*, two As and two Bs

Fellow student Finn secured three A*s and one A and has accepted an offer at Exeter University to study maths with economics plus a year in industry

Ruby earned four As and one C and is preparing to begin maths and economics at Nottingham University

Evie achieved three Distinctions*



Students with their results at William de Ferrers School in South Woodham Ferrers

in her Level 3 BTEC courses and will be starting her sports business management course at Lincoln in September.

Toby secured one A*, one A and a D to progress on to studying musical theatre at BIMM in Manchester

Joe secured two As and a Distinction* to study business and management at Bristol

Mr Donaldson said: "We are delighted by our students'

outstanding grades, which are truly a reflection of their hard work and determination.

"This year's students have been a joy to teach, and their attitude to learning inside and outside of the classroom has been inspirational.

"We are delighted to see them progressing to such a diverse range of destinations, and our school community looks forward to watching them thrive in their chosen pathways."

Successful triplets will take separate paths as their school celebrates

YOUNG people in Braintree have secured their sixth form's highest ever A-level results.

Year 13 students returned to **Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form** to collect their A-level and BTEC results.

The school is celebrating its most successful year in recent times, with a record A-level average of A*/A grades being up 11 per cent on last year, and its best ever number of top grades, from A* to B - a 14.8 per cent leap.

In computer science and further maths, half of all grades were A* or A, while in biology, chemistry, English literature, physics and religious studies, at least 40 per cent of all grades were A* or A. In BTEC sport, 90.9 per cent of all grades were at either Distinction or Distinction*.

A group of 15 students also sat an additional qualification - EPQ Extended Project - with a 100 per cent pass rate.

Among the high achievers this year was Oscar Parry, who achieved A*A*A* and an A* in his EPQ, meeting his offer for natural sciences at Cambridge University

Fellow student Charlie Alldis secured a place at the University of Warwick for mechanical engineering with A*A*AB.

Triplets Amy, Nina and Ruby Moylan secured eight A* and A grades between them

Head teacher Mark Barrow said: "This year's results are the best Notley has achieved in many years - a



Oscar Parry, Charlie Alldis and triplets Ruby, Amy and Nina Moylan celebrate their A-level success at Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form

real testament to the hard work and ambition of our students and staff.

"They come hot on the heels of Ofsted's inspection in May, which confirmed that our sixth form students are known well and that they are taught how to study and how to manage their time productively. These results show that promise translating into outcomes and are confirmation that the improvement Ofsted recognised is being felt right across the school, from the classroom to the exam hall.

"I couldn't be prouder of our sixth form and everyone who has supported them on this journey."

Triplets Amy, Nina and Ruby are preparing to head off on separate paths for the first time in their lives.

The girls, 18, from Braintree, are now each heading to different parts of the country for university.

Amy achieved grade A in maths and English and grade B in history and will study history and economics at Durham University.

She said: "It will be different not being together as we are all doing very different things. I will miss the company as we normally spend all day together."

Nina collected grade A in biology, chemistry, English language and EPQ and will study biochemistry at Bath University with ambitions of working in science or film.

Ruby picked up grade A* in history and grade A in religious studies and English literature and will study

English literature and language at UCL with her sights set on a career in publishing.

She said: "I am excited to be my own person, but at the same time learning to be a new person. We have been together forever."

Budding scientist Oscar, 18, from Black Notley, collected top A* grades in biology, chemistry, maths and EPQ from Notley High School and Braintree Sixth Form.

He is heading to Cambridge University to study natural sciences.

Oscar said: "I would like to do something chemistry-related in medicine or maths for sustainable development. I feel if I do not work in that industry, I will not have a planet to live in."

Places gained at some of world's best universities

CELEBRATIONS are underway at New Hall School in Chelmsford as Year 13 students received their A-level and BTEC results.

Ninety-one per cent of students secured their destination of choice, gaining places at some of the world's leading universities.

At New Hall, 75 per cent of all A-level grades awarded were at A*-B, with half of all boarders' grades at A*/A. Fifteen students achieved straight A*/A grades, with four students securing straight A* grades.

This year, New Hall's first ever cohort of students studying BTEC Sport celebrated exceptional results, with 75 per cent of grades at the highest level (Distinction*)

Principal Mrs Katherine Jeffrey, who this year celebrates 25 years in her role, said: "We are immensely proud of our students, and these results reflect their hard work and determination.

"Alongside excelling academically, this cohort has contributed enormously to the wider life of the school through sporting achievements, the performing arts, and service to the community.

Students achieved particularly strong results across STEM subjects.

In physics, 50 per cent of grades were at A*, with 75 per cent of grades at A*/A, and in further mathematics, 67% per cent of grades were at A*, with 83 per cent of grades at A*/A.

Ned Broderick achieved three A*s in mathematics, further mathematics and physics and an A in chemistry, securing his place to read mathematics at Magdalen College, Oxford.