



From the Headmaster
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Dear Parents

The time has seemingly flown since Dame Prue Leith DBE joined us in bidding a formal farewell to our departing Upper Sixth leavers with a message of making one's own luck and, above all else, to keep moving forward. Today, those same Upper Sixth have received the last verdict on their school academic careers and prepare to move forward once more. I am pleased to relay that they may do so with their heads held high.

As a community, Cokethorpe prides itself on celebrating equally the diversity of pupils' talents, interests, and achievements. Across today's results, the School's overall A* percentage increased by 4% from last year to 10%, whilst 27% of grades were awarded at A* - A. In recognising the collective successes of this year group, we must not lose sight of the significant individual accolades among them.

Congratulations to Daisy Herbert (*Queen Anne*) and Charlotte Griffiths (*Gascoigne*) who achieved all A*; to Thomas Avery (*Gascoigne*) with three As; Lily Yang (*Queen Anne*) with two A* and two Bs; Gabriella Hancox (*Harcourt*) with two A*, one B, and an A in the EPQ; and to Tamsin Townson (*Feilden*) with two A*, one B, and a B in the EPQ.

Among those studying the BTEC Extended Diploma in Business, notable highlights included a Distinction Star and two Distinctions for Emily Collier (*Swift*), Isabel Collier (*Swift*), Freddie Fellows (*Vanbrugh*), Ross Gray (*Feilden*), Thea Moore (*Swift*), and Amelie Pierce Williams (*Harcourt*).

Whilst today's results - do visit the School website for a small selection of images from today - for our students are a significant moment in and of themselves, there are also many notable next steps their results have provided, with a variety of exciting and challenging courses being embarked upon at many laudable institutions. These include Chemistry at the University of St Andrews; Engineering at Durham University; Psychology at the University of Bristol; Business at the University of Exeter; and Geography at the University of Edinburgh.

The adage 'it takes a village to raise a child' often comes to mind as our students conclude the final association with childhood through the end of their school careers. It is a fitting moment to reflect on the many influencers and supporters who have played their parts in delivering them to their outcomes, and to shaping the young adults they are today.

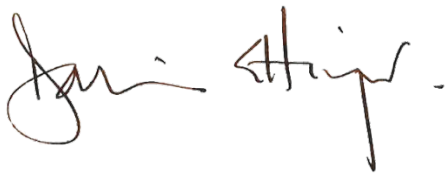
To reiterate the sentiment of my end of term letter, my thanks and compliments to our staff for their dedication, passion, and professionalism over the course of the weeks, months, and years which have culminated in today's results. Whether your child is among those in receipt of their results today or not,

my thanks too to you, our pupils' and students' parents, without whose steadfast support and guidance none of this would be possible.

Whilst my purpose in writing today was to share with you the news of examination results, I am so often reminded through the visits of Old Cokethorpeans returning to the School that our pupils and students are all so much more than can be summed up in three or four letters being awarded. The contributions made across the spectrum of Cokethorpe life have been as varied and colourful as the students are themselves. I look forward to watching their next successes unfold in the years ahead.

To quote our Director of Studies on leaving the Hall earlier today, 'same time next week?' Until then...

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Ship". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the first name.