

St Paul's
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Sixth Form Annual *Report*



View from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to introduce this year's Sixth Form annual report. The Sixth Form provision at St Paul's is exceptional. Our Post 16 students represent the very best of our school values and they continuously strive to do the very best that is possible. Their individual and collective passion and dedication demonstrates a real commitment to themselves as learners and to our school community. Each student within our Sixth Form clearly has a thirst for learning that I hope will stay with them beyond their time at



St Paul's. Our Sixth Form students demonstrate the values of servant leadership on a daily basis and present themselves as exceptional role models for our younger students to emulate. I hope that you enjoy reading about some of the fantastic ways that our Sixth Form have contributed to the rich and diverse community of St Paul's.

J. A. Hoarty

Jo-Anne Hoarty
Headteacher

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Celebrating

St Paul's students celebrate excellent



We're happy to report some excellent achievements by our students in their A levels and vocational qualifications this summer.

Jo-Anne Hoarty, Headteacher at St Paul's, said: "Students have worked incredibly hard to achieve such fantastic results. It is important to remember that these results represent seven years hard work. Our students have worked very hard to secure excellent grades that will enable them to move to their next steps."

Congratulations to every individual who has secured such good grades. We are delighted by their achievements and are particularly impressed by:



Esther Butt, who received As in Psychology and Drama and Theatre, B in English Language and Literature and A* in her Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) and is going to study Psychology at York.

Scarla-Chenai Chabvuta, who achieved Distinction Distinction in the BTEC Diploma in Applied Science, a Merit in the BTEC Extended Certificate in Principles & Applications of Science and D in Psychology and will be studying Biomedical Science at Oxford Brookes University.

Niamh Chamberlain, who gained A* in Sociology, A in Fine Art and B in Religious Studies. Niamh is going to Nottingham Trent University to study Sociology with Criminology.

Miriam Fraser, who has gained A*s in the EPQ, Italian and Biology and A in Chemistry. Miriam is going to study Biology at St John's College, Oxford.

Ian Gitau, who is going to Lancaster University to study Computer Science and Mathematics having gained As in Mathematics and Chemistry and B in Further Mathematics.

Samiha Haque who has gained As in Chemistry and Biology and B in Mathematics and is going to study Pharmaceutical Science at the University of Nottingham.

Oskar Hawes who has achieved As in Politics, Psychology and the EPQ and a B in English Language and Literature. Oskar is going to study Law at the University of York.

Ella Heritage who has gained A* in the EPQ and Bs in Psychology, Religious Studies and Product Design and is going to the University of Leeds to study Criminology.

Ageesh Kurunchikumaran who has achieved A* in the EPQ, A in Mathematics and Bs in Chemistry and Physics. Ageesh will be studying Physics at the University of York.

Edwardina Macnack who has gained Distinction Distinction in the BTEC Diploma in Business and a Pass in the BTEC Extended Certificate in Information Technology. Edwardina is going to De Montfort University to study Human Resources Management.

A level and vocational exam results



Sophie McSorley who has achieved As in History and Mathematics and B in Design Engineering. Sophie will be taking a gap year.

Michael Moimana-Shima who has gained Distinction in the BTEC Diploma in Health and Social Care, Merit in the BTEC Extended Certificate in Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care and B in Business. Michael will be studying Sport & Education at the University of Derby.

Martina Oricchio who has achieved Distinction Distinction in the BTEC Diploma in Health and Social Care, Merit in the BTEC Extended Certificate in Enquiries into Current Research in Health and Social Care, C in Portuguese and D in English Literature. Martina is going to the University of Nottingham to study Psychology.

Kirshan Pavananthan who has gained As in the EPQ and Design Engineering, B in Mathematics and C in Physics. Kirshan is going to Loughborough University to study Automotive Engineering.

Elisa Scarito who has achieved A* in the EPQ, A in Business, B in Psychology and C in Sociology. She is going to Birmingham City University to study Psychology and Counselling.



Rhea Sisodiya who has gained Cs in Psychology, the EPQ and Fine Art and a Distinction* in the BTEC Extended Certificate in Health and Social Care. Rhea will be studying Interior Design at De Montfort University.

William Thomas who has achieved A*s in Mathematics and Physics and A in Further Mathematics and is going to the University of Cambridge to study Engineering.

Christine Viegas who has gained As in Photography and Fine Art and C in Business and will be studying Human Resources Management at Aston University.

Noah Wheatley who has achieved A* in the EPQ and As in Sociology, English Language and Literature and Drama and Theatre. Noah will be attending Lancaster University to study English Literature and Creative Writing.

Aya Alessandra Yagoli who has gained A in Italian, D in Politics, Distinction Distinction in the BTEC Diploma in Applied Science and Pass in the BTEC Extended Certificate in Principles & Application of Science. Aya is going to De Montfort University to study Biomedical Science.

Sandra Yeboah who has achieved As in Psychology, the EPQ and Biology and B in Chemistry and is going to the University of Birmingham to study Medicine.

Luca Zeolla who has gained As in Biology, Chemistry and Computer Science and is going to the University of Leeds to study Computer Science.



Jo-Anne Hoarty said: "We are immensely proud of all the work and achievements of our students. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to ensure students are all able to progress onto further education and study, and we look forward to seeing what they will achieve in the future."

Fashion and photography students collaborate on photoshoot

Sixth Form students studying A Level Fashion and Textiles and A level Photography collaborated on an exciting photoshoot. The Textiles students were able to model the outfits they had designed and created, whilst Photography students ran their own studio style photoshoot giving the models directions and considering lighting etc. Fashion students took their inspiration from designers including Issey Miyake, Vivienne Westwood, Balmain and Rick Owens. There were some amazing, intricate garments being modelled and it was great to see the students work together with such high levels of energy and creativity.



A Fond Farewell To Mrs Albone

This year our lovely Mrs Albone taught her last lesson at St Paul's. She retired after being at the school for 28 years, teaching History and working within the Sixth Form team where she was instrumental in forging relationships with leading universities. We wish her a long and happy retirement in Wales.

Students Go To The Lake District For Gold Duke Of Edinburgh Expedition

Our Duke of Edinburgh students hiked in the Lake District for their Gold expedition. They had their ups and downs, literally, as they encountered some very big climbs there! Throughout the expedition they demonstrated determination, a positive attitude and great teamwork. Their final night also provided an opportunity to celebrate an 18th birthday for Martin, complete with cake, candles and many happy returns.



D & T Students Visit Accelera

Thank you to Tom Bulman at Worktree who coordinated a visit to Accelera Cummins' New Power business segment for an engineering work and job application skills day for 12 of our Year 12 A Level Design and Engineering students.



The students were welcomed to the boardroom for an introduction to the company by senior staff, who also explained their own skills, job roles and personal career pathways. A tour of the Engineering research, development and building laboratories was given, where state of the art rechargeable vehicle power cells are designed and made for large

American vehicles such as trucks and yellow school buses. A variety of activities were undertaken by the students, such as identifying their personal strengths, writing a CV, filling in a job application form and interviewing each other in teams alongside staff members.

A Level Art Students Lead Stained Glass Workshops

Sixth Form A level students took on the role of teachers when they led sessions for Year 7 and 8 students who were creating beautiful stained glass panels for the windows of the Art corridor in K block. Our Art students guided the younger students in using the best techniques and helped with the installation of the finished panels.



The panels have been admired by students, staff and the wider St Paul's community. In fact, when we shared images on our social media, parishioners from St Augustine's Church were so impressed that they requested some panels for their church in Heelands.

Year 12 get a taste of life at Trinity College, Oxford



Mr Selwood and Mrs Albone had the pleasure of taking a group of our most able Year 12 students to Trinity College Oxford. The students had a very informative talk about making applications to competitive universities and a very open and honest question and answer session with four current undergraduates who then took us on a tour of the college in the

beautiful sunshine. We were given an absolutely delicious lunch and were then joined on the college lawn by a former student of St Paul's, Issie Richardson, who is currently studying Languages at New College Oxford. She talked about her experiences of Year 13 and the application process and her time at Oxford.



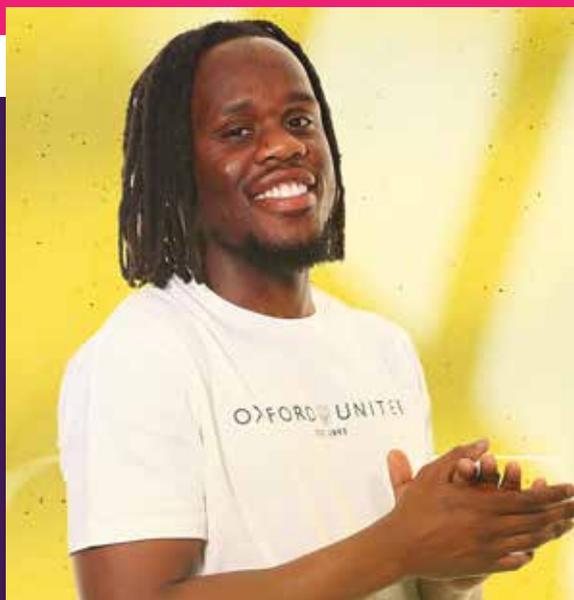
Our day ended with an incredibly interesting interactive talk by Ashley Castelino who is undertaking DPhil research on animals in Medieval Literature. We learnt so many fascinating things (including the origins of the Bluetooth symbol) and were left intrigued by how many drawing of lions don't really look like lions! He told us to look at #notalion.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff and students at Trinity and to Issie for making it such an inspirational day.

St Paul's Students Go On To Sporting Success



St Paul's has an excellent track record of students going on to achieve sporting success. On sports day international footballer Kevin Danso came to visit us fresh from playing for Austria in the Euros. Kevin was happy to meet and chat with our students, pose for selfies and sign autographs. There was a long queue of students patiently waiting their turn to see Kevin.



Another former St Paul's student Peter Kioso had his first call-up with the DR Congo national team playing in the Africa Cup of Nations qualifiers. DR Congo have secured their place in the Cup which takes place in Morocco in 2025. Peter signed with Oxford United earlier this year (thank you to Oxford United for the photo).

Peter was in the same year group as Kevin Danso and we're delighted to have two former students playing football at international level.



In rugby our student Enoch Opoku Gyamfi has joined Bath Rugby on a two year scholarship. His local club, Milton Keynes Rugby Club said: "This opportunity is a huge reward for his efforts over the past few years and we are all incredibly proud of Enoch's achievements."



"Enoch is an outstanding young man and we are all excited and looking forward to following your journey, we know this is just the beginning. Keeping working hard and enjoying your rugby."

Mathematicians Excel At Challenge

Our Year 12 A level Mathematicians took part in the Senior UKMT Mathematics Challenge. This is organised to develop and extend the mathematical approach of students and is designed to challenge their thinking from numerous perspectives. We would like to praise our Year 12 students for their efforts and congratulate those awarded a Gold, Silver or Bronze award. One of our students not only achieved a Gold award but was also selected to take part in the next round.



Alumni Continue A Positive Relationship With St Paul's



We continue to enjoy a very positive relationship with our former students who voluntarily visit the school as part of our Careers team's alumni programme.

This year we have had many alumni coming in to talk to students during Careers WorkOuts, to meet with students from specific departments such as Design & Technology and History, and to take part in our alumni day.

The insight that alumni can give our current students is invaluable as they prepare for the world of work. Having studied at St Paul's themselves they empathise with their experiences at school and provide excellent career advice to help our students make important decisions about their futures.

New Student Leaders Appointed

Every year we appoint new Year 12 Student Leaders. The day before their initiation ceremony, Year 12 Student Leaders worked alongside Year 13 in the school Chapel with Miss Nodwell planning how they would serve the school during the year. They then spent an afternoon at a Student Leader retreat at the Caldecotte Xperience where they bonded as a team by taking part in archery and sailing. Thank you to Year 12 and Year 13 for making this fantastic commitment to the school.



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