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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME



“The Autumn edition of the South Hunsley News always celebrates the achievements of our GCSE and A Level students and this year is no different.

We are delighted by the outstanding performance of both our School and Sixth Form College and we have tried to include as many individual student stories as possible.

Featured first are our A Level results and you will see from the first article over the page that the class of 2013 have had a record breaking year and have beaten the previous best Average Point Score per Entry indicator. Average point scores are what all colleges look at when the performance tables are released every January and we look at the entry measure as this gives us the best indication of strength of performance. It is no surprise that we have surpassed our previous best, as we've seen some substantial grade increases this year, with our A*-A, A*-B and A*-C pass rates all up compared to 2012.

With such a fantastic set of results our students are well placed to achieve their career goals and we are certain they'll have a bright future ahead of them. In this magazine, we have tried to capture the myriad of opportunities that are open to students after Sixth Form College and we hope you enjoy reading more about where are students are going next. It certainly is a very exciting time for them.

Of course, GCSEs are also a key juncture along the educational path and with a record breaking 80% 5+A*-C pass rate including English and Maths our students have definitely taken their first step in the right direction. In fact right across the board our GCSE results are truly impressive and all subjects can report a really strong performance. Once again, we have tried to capture as much as we can in this magazine to give you a flavour of the South Hunsley School experience.

Summer 2013 has been an absolutely fabulous one for South Hunsley and our record breaking A Level and GCSE results have just topped off a really great year for us, coming hot on the heels of our Outstanding Ofsted inspection. It really doesn't get any better.

We hope you enjoy reading this issue.



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RECORD BREAKING COLLEGE PERFORMANCE

Average Point Score per A Level Entry reaches 229.4

IN THIS ARTICLE:

- A*-B grades rise to 58%
- A*-C at 83%
- Top grades A*-A up to 27%
- 100% pass rate
- 75% at first choice universities
- 28% at Russell Group universities

Students in our Sixth Form College were reaping the rewards this summer following a bumper set of results.

The strength of their performance is signified by our highest ever average point score per A Level entry as this measure looks at the grades achieved in every A Level exam entry and the higher the score the higher the grades. This year our students have added 23 points to our average point score and, with a score of 229.4, it is not surprising that we have seen grade increases across the board.

Our A*-B pass rate has increased by 10% and has taken the number of grades achieved at the top level up to 58%. A*-C grades have also seen a rise of 7% and are now at 83%. The highest grades of A* and A have also gone up by 5% and, at 27%, we now have over a quarter of all our entries being awarded the very highest scores which bucks the national trend where a dip in top grades has been reported.

Overall, our pass rate remains at 100% for the third year running which is great news

for our Average Point Score per Student measure. This again, is our highest ever score coming in at 839.2 and early indicators suggest that South Hunsley Sixth Form College students will be the highest scoring across the whole of the East Riding.

All subjects have contributed to these phenomenal results, however, there are some worthy of particular note. Economics has played a key role in improving our numbers having seen its A*-A pass rate increase by 10% and it's A*-C percentage increase by 14%. There were also significantly larger numbers of students taking the course this year and its popularity is testament to the quality of teaching.

Geography has also mapped out a successful plan for improvement. Having a 100% A*-C last year was hard to improve on but it didn't deter the team who focussed their efforts on increasing the number of A*-B grades. Their efforts have been hugely rewarded with a whopping 31% increase in the highest grades which meant that 81% of all their entries were at the top end. Art and Photography must have cottoned onto this and followed a similar plan just as successfully as 90% of Art grades were A*-B. Photography did even better with 100% of entries being A*-B.

The results from our students who studied vocational courses with us have fared just as well. We have a smaller number of BTEC and Applied A Levels for our students to study but their performance is just as strong. 50% of our OCR Business students achieved the equivalent of A*-B grades and this was closely followed by 44% in OCR ICT and 25% in BTEC Sport.

As always, a large number of our students leave us to go to university and with 78% of our Year 13 students choosing to study degree level courses we are absolutely delighted to report that 75% of this group

are heading off to their first choice university and course. Our students are now going on to study a diverse range of courses across the length and breadth of the country and many are heading off to the most renowned universities in the country, in fact 28% will be placed at those within the Russell Group of universities.

Paul Jacobs, Assistant Headteacher in the Sixth Form, is ecstatic for our students: "Results day is a real pleasure and it is always really rewarding to watch our Sixth Formers' faces as they open their results and realise they've achieved their goals. We are proud to be able to say we've played a part in establishing their future career and it is really good to see that the work of both students and staff has paid off so well."



STUDENT VIEWS



MADDY SWIFT

Art and Design A*
Economics A
Maths B

Future Plans:
Gap Year

I'm taking a gap year to earn a bit of money and travel, then hopefully go to university next year. I studied Maths, Economics and Art at A Level and really enjoyed Art so I was really happy with my A* and getting full marks!

I'm going to miss seeing the familiar faces every day and I'm quite jealous of everyone going to uni but I wish them well.



LUCY STEPHENSON

Geography A*
Psychology A*
Biology B

Future Plans:
Geography at Newcastle University

I've always enjoyed Geography and I've found out that I'm better than I thought I was at it! Moving to South Hunsley Sixth Form from a different school has really helped me get the grades I needed.

The A Level course was really enjoyable, particularly the trips to Snowdon and London as we were able to get to know each other better and have lots of fun. The teachers also made the lessons really enjoyable whilst still helping us learn.



CALLUM SKINNER

Economics A
Business Studies A
Maths B

Future Plans:
Economics at Lancaster University

I chose to study Economics at university because it will be a good foundation for the career I hope to work in which is either accounting or banking, and I really enjoyed the course at A Level.

The Sixth Form is a really nice place to be with a friendly environment which helps make the learning more enjoyable, but I think it will be good to move away to a new place and meet new people.



HANNAH GREETHAM

Photography A*
Biology B
Geography B
Maths C

Future Plans:
Wildlife Conservation at Liverpool John Moore's University

I decided to study Wildlife Conservation because I really enjoy wildlife. There are more and more programmes on TV about it and it's becoming a more developed subject and a topic that the Government are getting more involved with as well.

There's going to be quite a lot of trips within my course so I'm looking forward to the travelling and being outdoors a lot.



JENNY ROSS

Future Plans:
Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University

I wasn't really sure what I wanted to study at university, or what I want to do as a career, so I chose PPE because it seemed an interesting course, and now I have something interesting to study for three years.

I'm looking forward to moving to Oxford and being able to live on my own. I will miss everything about South Hunsley but I'm really excited for the future.



OUR BUSINESS STUDENTS ARE ON THE UP

Great results guarantee them a bright future

IN THIS ARTICLE:

- Business Studies 83% A*-C
- Economics gets 93%
- Financial Studies at 80%
- 100% for Computing



NATALIE GARDNER

Media Studies A
English Literature A
Psychology A

Future Plans:
Marketing apprenticeship at Get Extra

I started my job the day after my last exam. It's a year and a half apprenticeship with Get Extra in Brough, an internet marketing agency and I'm really enjoying it.

My heart was never in university, I applied but I always hoped to get an apprenticeship so I feel really lucky to have got it because it's exactly what I want to do. I took part in the Industry Mentoring scheme at sixth form which was great.

James from HETA was my mentor and he not only organised some work experience for me but also worked with me on my interview technique – this was my very first job interview and I got it so he really did help me.



SAM SHYNGLE

ICT Distinction
Business Studies C
English Language D

Future Plans:
Information Technology at the University of Hertfordshire

My greatest achievement has been getting a place at university and the Sixth Form has definitely helped me in preparing for that. You have to be more independent while studying for your A Levels and make sure you work hard.



CHRIS IMRIE

Business Studies C
English Language C
History C

Future Plans:
Business Management at the University of Derby

I really enjoyed Business Studies at A Level and felt that there wasn't anything else I wanted to study at university. I think I'm going to be up there one day so remember the name! I'm a bit apprehensive about starting university but it will be a great experience.

At South Hunsley Sixth Form College we have a thriving Business Studies department whose courses draw large numbers of students every year.

Students who choose to study a business related subject do so for many different reasons and these courses open the door to many different careers.

This department has some of the most diverse courses on offer and many will be studied for the first time as Sixth Form subjects. Our students can choose to study A Levels, BTECs and Cambridge Technical courses, and this year, we have also seen our first group of students qualify for the IFS Financial Studies award. This has proved a very successful course with an 80% A*-C pass rate, however, our other Business subjects have fared just as well with 93% A*-C in Economics, 83% in Business and 100% in Computing.

Our business students are now heading out into the world of work with quite a few having secured apprenticeships or employment. Others will continue their education studying degrees such as Marketing, Economics, Business Management and Computing.



SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MATHS STILL PACK A PUNCH

Results continue to rise in our most popular subjects

IN THIS ARTICLE:

- Biology A* - C results up by 2%
- Chemistry by 10%
- Physics 10% higher
- Maths up by 2%
- Product Design hits 100% A*-C

Science, Maths and Technology are always popular courses with our Sixth Form students and this year has been no different with results from these subjects accounting for 37% of all A Level grades.

The number of Year 13 students studying Biology, Chemistry and Physics has risen to 33, 26 and 20 respectively and in turn this has resulted in many students going on to study for a wide range of science based degrees such as Medicine, Neuroscience, Natural Sciences, Microbiology, Biochemistry and Forensic Science.

We also see many students combining Science with Maths and Technology courses as these create good combinations for those students who are maybe thinking of becoming Engineers or Architects. This year we have students going on to study Architecture as well as both Mechanical and Chemical Engineering courses at university which will no doubt put their A Level Maths skills to good use.

It is no surprise that so many students have chosen to pursue their passion in these subjects after achieving some fantastic individual results. It is also pleasing to see that on the whole, the percentage of students achieving A*-C grades in each of the sciences has increased from last year, rising by 2% in Biology and by 10% in both Chemistry and Physics. This year has seen 80% of our A Level Maths students walk away with an A*-C grade, a 2% increase on last year. Product Design has also seen improvements in its A*-C pass rate with 100% of its students achieving a C grade or above.



GEMMA WILLOX

**Biology A
Chemistry A
Maths A
English Literature B**

Future Plans:
Chemistry at the University of Manchester

Chemistry was my favourite A Level because of the teachers. Their styles of teaching made the course really interesting and fun to learn about, and I'm now looking forward to starting the course and studying Chemistry at the next level.



OSCAR BELL

**Biology A*
Chemistry A*
Maths A**

Future Plans:
Gap Year then studying Medicine at the University of Nottingham

I'm taking a year out to get some work experience related to my degree - I'm going to be working in a GP surgery and I've also got a job as a care assistant in a local care home for the disabled, so hopefully these will both help me when it comes to studying Medicine. I've got a year to relax and prepare before I start at Nottingham, but I'm just glad I've got in... it's been a long wait to find out! My teachers have been a massive help throughout Sixth Form and have not only provided excellent teaching, but have also been readily available outside of lessons to go through anything I was stuck with or for any questions I had.



JASMINE TAYLOR

**Product Design B
Physics B
Chemistry C**

Future Plans:
Product Design at Loughborough University

I've always loved Product Design. I've loved it from GCSE and moving on to the A Level course was fantastic because you get to do your own stuff and it's just perfect for me. It's my ideal course so I'm really happy to have got in to Loughborough. Moving from Hull Collegiate to South Hunsley for my two years of Sixth Form was scary at first but I've got lots of friends here now and everyone is so nice that you just settle in right away.



MATTHEW RICHES

**Maths B
Art and Design C
Physics C**

Future Plans:
Architecture at the University of Huddersfield

I chose Architecture because I'd like to make a contribution to the spaces we live in and it seems an exciting course which will use skills that I love - I think I've got a creative mind but I'm also quite good with Maths and numbers and creating designs. I'm looking forward to a fresh start and having a good time at university.



ALEXANDER VLADIMIROV

**Maths A*
Further Maths A
Chemistry A
Physics A**

Future Plans:
Natural Sciences at University College London

I'm really looking forward to being in London and meeting people on my course with the same interests. I studied Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry and by studying those subjects it definitely helped me choose which course I wanted to study at university.



SMILES ALL ROUND

Great results leave students with big ambitions



HUMANITIES AND LANGUAGES RISE TO THE OCCASION

Students have the world at their feet

IN THIS ARTICLE:

- 91% A*-B for French
- Geography increases A*-B by 31%
- All subjects have at least 50% A*-B pass rate

Studying the world we live in and understanding more about people, nature and cultures can be really insightful and help open up a number of new doors for students.

Whether time has been spent learning about the physical world around us or different cultures and languages, students can be sure of a wealth of opportunities once they've received their qualification.

Humanities and Languages combined offer nine different A Levels for students to choose from and they have had some exceptional results. You will have already read about Geography increasing their A*-B grades by 31% but other subjects in this area have also had some spectacular results. This year our French students have romped home with 91% A*-B grades and every single French student has left us with at least a C grade. All subjects in these areas have seen at least half of their students leave with A*-B grades and many of them are close to the coveted 100% A*-C.

Our students are now heading off to establish a range of careers and are taking degrees in a diverse range of subjects including International Relations, Politics, French, History, Spanish, Linguistics, Geology and Geography. We wish them all every success.



BENJAMIN MAY

History A*
English Literature A*
English Language A
Religious Studies A

Future Plans:

History at the University of York

History is a subject I've enjoyed since I was young and it's always the subject I would have chosen to study at university so it's nice to have done well in it. I'm always going to look back on South Hunsley as a really enjoyable time, but I'm ready to move on. I'm looking forward to going out and being independent, trying something new.



BETH RANSOME

French A
Sociology A
Religious Studies B

Future Plans:

French and Spanish at the University of East Anglia

Studying A Levels was stressful but worth it and I'm now ready for a bit of change and gaining that independence from university. I've never studied Spanish before so I'm studying it as a beginner which means I spend a year abroad in Spain as part of my degree, as well as spending my summers in France which I'm really looking forward to.



SARAH BULLIVANT

Geography A
Biology B
Maths C

Future Plans:

Geology at the University of Leicester

I'm really pleased I've got the grades I wanted. I've always had rock collections at home so I thought 'why not study Geology?!' and I'm really looking forward to starting the course and studying a subject I haven't done before. I studied Geography at A Level which definitely helped me in my decision to study Geology because I particularly enjoyed the work on plate tectonics.



AMELIA CLARKSON

Religious Studies A
History B
Sociology B

Future Plans:

History at the University of Kent

I really enjoyed sixth form – it was different but it was good and I made lots of new friends. It was actually really helpful to have the transition of moving from another school into sixth form because it's given me more of an idea as to what it will be like starting university and going somewhere new.



OUR CREATIVE SUBJECTS SHOW THEIR FLAIR

Students pass with flying colours

IN THIS ARTICLE:

- 100% A*-C in Drama and Media
- 90% A*- B in Art
- 100% A*- B for Photography

Our Creative Arts and Design departments have had another successful year and we are delighted that so many of our students have chosen to develop their creative talents beyond South Hunsley Sixth Form.

You will already have read about how well our Art and Photography students have performed this year and one student has decided to take his passion for the subject to the other side of the Atlantic and will be studying for a degree at a School of Art in either California or New York.

Drama students have also performed well this year and have delivered a 100% A*-C pass rate. Whilst studying Drama and Theatre Studies, students have many chances to showcase their skills on the stage in front of live audiences, and one of our students will continue to do this when she takes up her place at Drama School in September.

Media Studies have also achieved 100% A*-C so it is no surprise many of our Media students choose to continue the subject further, either at university or through employment.



HENRY BELL

Product Design B
Media Studies C
Business Studies D

Future Plans:

Gap Year then studying in America

I thought that if I'm going to go to university, I might as well do something a bit different, which is why I've decided to study in America. I've got a place at the California College of the Arts and Parsons School for Design in New York, and I haven't decided which one I'm going to yet.

I'm taking a year out first to get some work experience and will move to America next September. I've really enjoyed studying Product Design at A Level because you are able to work on independent projects and I'm looking forward to doing more of that at university.



SOPHIE REDFEARN

Media Studies A
Drama and Theatre Studies B
English Language C

Future Plans:

Gap Year

I'm hoping to gain as much work experience as I can in the Media industry before I start university next year. My favourite subjects have been Media Studies and Drama because they're really creative and have given me the experience and knowledge to help with my future. My dream job would be a TV presenter, but I'll have to go through auditions for that which I'm going to look for next year.



STEPHANIE HEBDON

English Literature A*
Textiles A
History A

Future Plans:

Fashion Design at Northumbria University

I've always wanted to do Fashion Design since I was younger and I enjoy things like art and textiles; I really enjoyed Textiles at A Level and learning about the whole design process, creating something from fabrics and experimenting with different designs. I'm really excited to start the course and study something that I really love.



STUDENTS SHOW HOW MUCH THEY CARE

Careers in the Health Service is a popular choice

IN THIS ARTICLE:

- 100% A*-C for Health and Social Care students
- 86% also get A*-B

Many of our students go on to study courses such as Midwifery, Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy and Nursing.

We quite often find that students who are interested in these kinds of careers will select our Health and Social Care subject alongside other A Levels. They always do us proud in this subject and this year is no exception with every single student leaving with at least a C thanks to our 100% A*-C pass rate and 86% of our students heading off with A*-B grades.



EMILY DEACON

Health and Social Care (double) AB
Physical Education B

Future Plans:
Physiotherapy at Manchester Metropolitan University

I've always wanted to do something health related which involves working with and caring for people and Physiotherapy is just that. My A Levels in PE and Health and Social Care also helped me make my decision as it's pretty much those two courses merged into one. As part of my degree I will have to do 10 weeks on placement in both my second and third years which will be great experience. After being at South Hunsley for 7 years I feel ready to move on, meet new people and gain more independence when I move to Manchester.



ELEANOR HARKER

Health and Social Care (double) AB
Sociology B

Future Plans:
Occupational Therapy at Northumbria University

I decided I wanted to be an Occupational Therapist after seeing my Grandma go through two knee replacement operations and having an Occupational Therapist really helped her get back into society. My Grandma was much better with one than without and after shadowing a therapist and studying Health and Social Care at A Level, it really helped me decide that that was what I wanted to do. I'm looking forward to getting started, meeting new people and having a new place to discover.



GAP YEAR TRAVELLERS

Whilst many of our students will be thinking about Freshers Week or preparing for their first day at work, other students are getting their passports ready for their upcoming travels.

Beth Evington and Alex Grunnill have decided to take a year out before attending university next September and will be spending five months travelling across Asia and Australia. Beth tells us more:

"Travelling will be a great experience and we're both really looking forward to it. We decided to take a year out just so we could have a bit of a break after A Levels and enjoy ourselves. I'm going to be applying to study Medicine before I leave though so hopefully when I come back I'll have some interviews for university and will be able to start next September."

Ed Scott is another student taking a year out before starting university. He will take up his place at the University of Nottingham to study Law next year and in the meantime will train to be a sailing instructor with the hope of taking it further and working a season with an organisation in either Turkey or the south of France.

TWINS

Double celebrations are in order for twin sisters Gemma and Kayleigh Willox who have both achieved a fantastic set of A Level results.

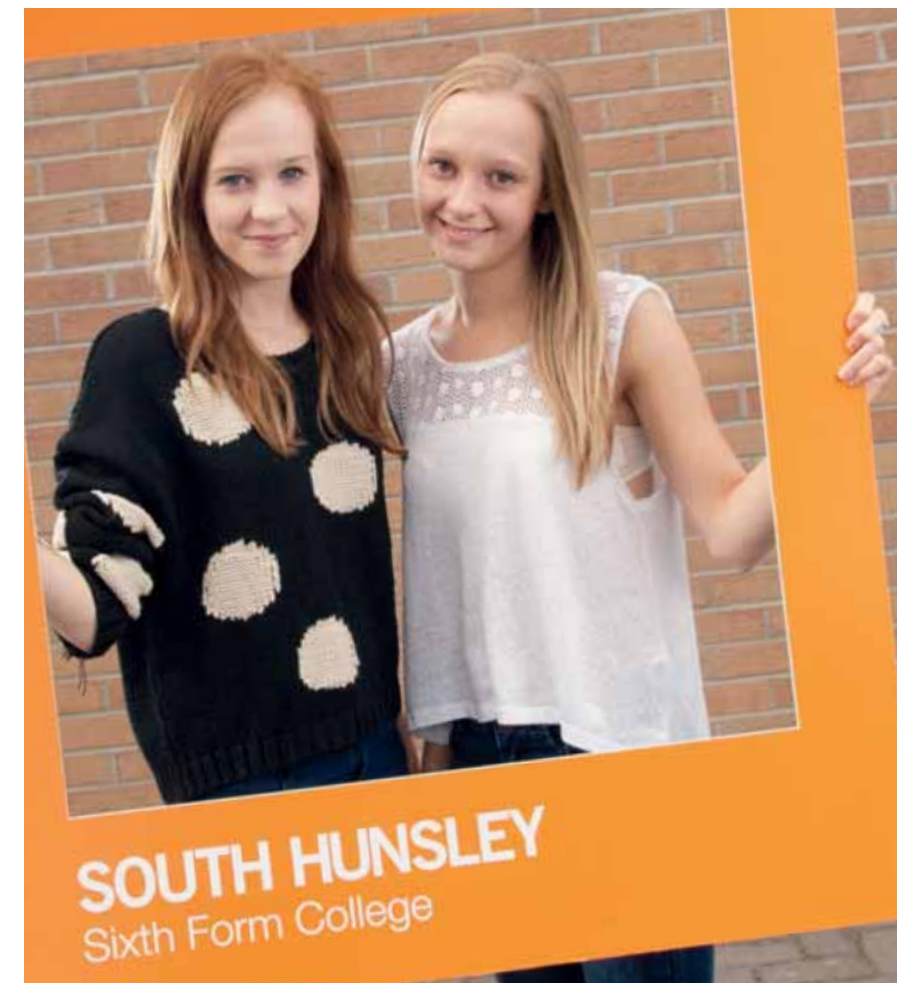
Achieving 5 A grades and 2 B grades between them, the sisters will now go their separate ways as they look ahead to university – Gemma at the University of Manchester to study Chemistry and Kayleigh to Newcastle University to study English Literature.

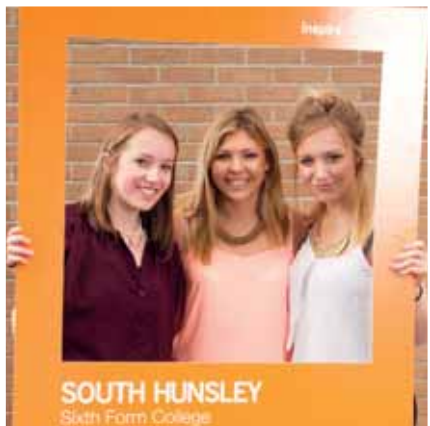
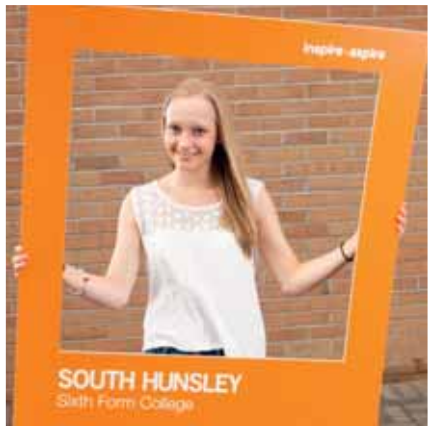
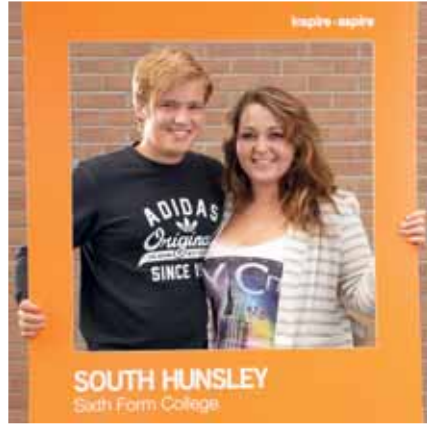
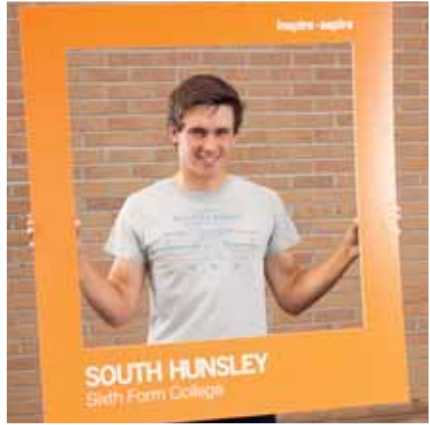
GEMMA WILLOX

"It will be nice to have the separation from my sister because I'm always with her at home and school, so I think it will do us good to be apart and get more independence."

KAYLEIGH WILLOX

"We have been together since we were born so we've never really been apart before, but I'm looking forward to living on my own and making new friends."







GCSEs HIT A NEW HIGH

Students celebrate best ever GCSE results

IN THIS ARTICLE:

- 80% 5+A*-C with English and Maths sets new school record
- 94% 5+A*-C pass rate
- Best ever Maths A*-C at 91%
- Business achieves 90% A*-C
- 86% A*-C for Geography

GCSE students are flying high after an outstanding set of results.

In 2013 the school has firmly cemented its Outstanding Ofsted status, establishing a new school GCSE record with 80% of students achieving 5 or more A*-C grades including English and Maths. This means our students have beaten our previous best of 70%, increasing our results by a whopping 10%.

Across the board there have been some remarkable achievements this year and 2013 has seen us follow on from the very successful 2012 summer exam performance with even better results. It wasn't just our 5+A*-C including English and Maths that increased, our overall 5+A*-C pass rate has also gone up by 6% and now stands at 94%. Unsurprisingly, our English and Maths Departments have also performed better than last year. Maths in particular has had a phenomenal 2 years, in 2013 91% of students achieved a C grade or above which is 9% higher than 2012 when their result was 82% and 20% higher than 2011!

Maths isn't the only subject to have recorded a significant jump in results. Geography must have applied their winning formula to GCSEs as well as A Levels, increasing their A*-C pass rate from 2012 by 6%, bringing their performance in at 86%. The coveted A* and A grades were also well in reach for

almost half of all our 185 Geography students thanks to an exceptional 18% improvement in their A*-A pass rate. Business Studies has also found their recipe for success having increased their A*-C pass rate to 90% which is 5% higher than last year. A*-A grades have also increased by 11% and they are creeping towards that half way mark with the total number of students with top grades now standing at 44%.

It isn't only our GCSE students who have shown us what they are made of this summer. Our BTEC students can also be very proud of their achievements. This year our BTEC Media course takes centre stage having achieved the equivalent of 65% A*-A grades which is almost double what they achieved last year. The vast majority of our students will now continue their education at South Hunsley, joining our Sixth Form College. At the time of going to print we do not know the exact number enrolled on post-16 courses but fully expect that almost all of the students who are eligible for a place will join us for a further two years of study.

Jonny Uttley, Head of School, is really pleased for all our GCSE students: "This is a superb set of results and will make sure that our students finish their school education with every opportunity open to them in the future. We do everything we can to make sure that every student has the chance to realise their full potential and achieve their goals. It is really rewarding to watch the students as they receive their first full set of accredited qualifications and start to head down their chosen career path."

"Staff at South Hunsley put a lot of effort into planning lessons that not only challenge, stretch and equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed but are also interesting and develop a love for learning. These results give a real indication of the enjoyment and passion students have for the subjects they study which gives them every chance of success as they progress onto post 16 courses."



HOLLY SKINNER

GCSEs achieved
11 A*s

I was really ill during exams so I didn't think I'd done very well at all so I'm really chuffed. I would have done more revision had I been feeling better but I tried my hardest so I'm glad it's paid off! I'm taking Maths, Biology, Chemistry and French at South Hunsley Sixth Form College and am hoping to get into Medical school after that.



ALEXANDRA EYRE

GCSEs achieved
1 A*
10 As

I'm really happy. It was a lot of hard work but it was definitely worth it. I think my favourite subject at GCSE was History – my teacher was amazing, I really liked her and her style of teaching, and I just got it. It was just one of those subjects that clicked in my head and I found it easy and fun to revise. I'm staying on at South Hunsley for Sixth Form to study English Literature, History and Government and Politics and one other which I haven't quite decided yet!



EUAN ROSS

GCSEs achieved
6 A*s
5 As

I'm happy but I was only one mark off an A* in two subjects so if they get remarked I'm hoping it will go up to 8 A*s which sounds even better! I'm doing my A Levels at South Hunsley in Maths, English, Geography and History, then hopefully going to university after that to do either English or History then a Law conversion degree... so I've got it all planned out. I'm looking forward to studying the subjects that I really enjoy in the Sixth Form, and being in a class with other people who enjoy the subject too.



SARAH DAVIES

GCSEs achieved
5 A*s
6 As

I'm very pleased today and I'm particularly pleased with my History and Music grades because I love History. I'm staying on for Sixth Form at South Hunsley to study History, English Literature, Maths and Government and Politics. I'd quite like to do History at university but I'm not really sure. A fresh start in Sixth Form will be nice, and I'm looking forward to studying more challenging subjects.



MOLLY HEWITT

"I was a bit worried about my results but I've done well, I'm really happy!"



IN PICTURES
Students' hard work pays off



EXCEPTIONAL DEPARTMENT RESULTS HELP STUDENTS SHINE

Subject performances continue to impress

IN THIS ARTICLE:

- Outstanding A*-C subject results
- Subjects increase A*-A and A*-C grades
- BTEC success
- 100% A*-C equivalent in Core ICT

This year has seen some truly fantastic results from a number of our departments at South Hunsley School and after all their hard work, it is a pleasure to see our students and staff reaping their rewards.

Unfortunately it is impossible to cover all of the departments who have performed so well this year, but we hope you enjoy reading about the success of our Science, Geography, Business Studies, English, Maths, Creative Design and BTEC subjects over the following pages.

The number of students choosing to take Triple Science has substantially increased from last year, with 241 students opting to take Biology, Chemistry and Physics as separate GCSE subjects in 2013 compared to 169 in 2012.

With this increase in numbers, we are delighted that the Science department has managed to maintain its high performance

and has once again provided excellent results across all three subjects - Chemistry has come out on top with 91% of students achieving A*-C grades, but not far behind is Physics on 90% and Biology on 88%. We are also delighted for the 71 students who have attained A*-A grades in all three sciences which really is a wonderful achievement. In Biology, almost half of all students are walking away with an A or A* grade.

Our Geography department is also celebrating for the second time in two weeks after delivering a bumper set of GCSE results to add to their A Level achievements, improving on last year's results in both the A*-A and A*-C categories. Numbers for this course have also increased from last year with 85 more students opting to take Geography at GCSE.

Another popular choice with our students is Business Studies which has seen its student numbers continue to rise over recent years, as well as their results. This year is no different and we are really pleased that their results show that 90% of students have achieved an A*-C grade, a 5% increase on last year.

Our English department has been through a number of changes and developments over the past 12 months and with a new Director of English, we were hopeful of seeing really good results. Vicky Marsh and the rest of her department did not disappoint and we are thrilled that the hard work of both students and teachers has paid off with 83% of students achieving an A*-C grade, an 8% increase on last year.

After the March exam season, we knew the Maths department had already delivered record breaking exam results but never one to rest on their laurels, they continued their hard work and increased their A*-C pass rate even further. It now stands at an impressive 91% which is an increase of 9%

from last year. This, combined with our fantastic English results has seen the percentage of students achieving 5 or more GCSEs at grades A*-C, including English and Maths, rise to 80% - a new school record.

Our creative subjects have also performed extremely well, building on their already impressive results from last year. In Art we have seen a massive increase of 20% in the A*-C pass rate, with 93% of this year's students achieving a C grade or above. The department can also celebrate an increase in the number of students achieving the top grades as 46% of students walk away with an A* or A grade, up 3% from 2012.

Textiles students have also delivered exceptional results as the department creeps ever closer to a 100% A*-C pass rate; this year it reached 98% which is an increase of 6% from last year. On top of this, over two thirds of students have achieved A*-A grades which is definitely worth celebrating.

Our BTEC courses have also had another successful year, and of particular note are the results of our BTEC Media and BTEC Sport students. Once again, 100% of students on both courses have achieved the equivalent of a C grade or above, but what is more impressive is the increase in the number of students being awarded the top grades. In BTEC Sport this figure has risen from 33% in 2012, to 44% in 2013, and from 34% to 65% in BTEC Media.

All students are expected to take an ICT qualification to make sure they gain a good foundation in the subject and our ICT department are also joining in the celebrations this summer with 100% of its students achieving A*-C equivalent grades.



SARAH O'SULLIVAN

GCSEs achieved

2 A*s
9 As

I've done better than I was expecting! I really wasn't expecting these results. Business Studies was my favourite subject at GCSE and I probably did best in that subject out of all of them. I'm just really interested in the topics and the teachers were really good which helped. I'm going on to study Business Studies, Economics, Maths and Geography at South Hunsley Sixth Form, and I want to do either Business or Economics at university but I'm going to see which subject I enjoy more at A Level and base my decision on that.



ALEX MURDOCH

GCSEs achieved

8 A*s
3 As

I'm really pleased with all the grades I got in the subjects I'm studying at A Level. I got A*s in English Literature, English Language, History and Maths so that's a great confidence boost because I know A Levels is a big jump. English was one of my favourite subjects at GCSE because I could just do it and the teachers were great. It seemed to come easy to me so I really enjoyed it.



WILLIAM RODRIGUES

GCSEs achieved

3 As
5 Bs
2 Cs

I'm really pleased with the grades I've got today. I got an A in Maths and I didn't think that was going to be one of my best subjects! The teachers were all really helpful and I've chosen to study it in the Sixth Form at South Hunsley, along with Biology, Chemistry and Geography. I'm not really sure what I want to do after though, I'll just have to wait and see how I do.



JAMES AITKEN

GCSEs achieved

6 A*s
2 As
2 Bs

I got A*s in each of the three sciences which was quite surprising because I didn't think I'd do quite so well! But the teachers definitely helped me get those grades, especially my Biology teacher. I'm now taking Maths, Physics, Chemistry, ICT and Computing at South Hunsley Sixth Form and will hopefully go on to university after that to study something along the lines of Computer Science.



ABIGAIL BARBER

GCSEs achieved

10 A*s
1 A

Everyone in my family seems to be good at Geography, and my dad did a degree in it so I think I've just inherited it! The lessons were really enjoyable and I really liked my teachers which I think definitely helped. I'm really happy with my results overall, I worked really hard so I'm glad it's paid off. I'm staying on at South Hunsley for Sixth Form to study Maths, Biology, Textiles and Art.



JOE HOWARD

GCSEs achieved

- 2 A*s
- 6 As
- 2 Bs
- 1 C

Art is one of the subjects I've done best in and was definitely one of my favourite subjects. The teaching was really good and I enjoyed the projects as well as I'm quite creative. I'm taking it on to Sixth Form at South Hunsley along with Maths, Biology and Chemistry and I definitely want to go to university after that but I'm not quite sure what I want to study yet. I'm looking forward to having more freedom in the Sixth Form and focusing on subjects I really enjoy.



ZOE BULLIVANT

GCSEs achieved

- 6 A*s
- 2 As
- 2 Bs
- 1 C

I was really surprised with my results. I worked really hard but I still didn't think I would do this well. Textiles was the one subject I wanted to do well in, so I'm really proud of that result. I like the practical side of the subject, and it's really hands on and enjoyable. I'm looking forward to studying it further at South Hunsley Sixth Form.



JORDAN MONEY

GCSEs achieved

- 5 As
- 4 Bs
- 2 Cs
- 1 Distinction*

One grade that stands out for me is BTEC Sport where I got a Distinction*. It was one of my favourite subjects because of the physical element and you weren't stuck in a classroom doing theory all the time. I liked being active and playing football.



ADAM COLLICK

GCSEs achieved

- 6 As
- 1 B
- 2 Cs
- 1 Distinction*

I got everything I wanted in my results and I put a lot of revision in. I got really into my BTEC Media course because it was hands on rather than just theory based activities, and I really enjoyed the creative side. You also had the chance to learn about things on your own, rather than being told what to study. I'm now staying on for Sixth Form at South Hunsley to study Maths, Media Studies, ICT and Computing.



OLLIE HENDERSON

GCSEs achieved

- 7 Bs
- 3 Cs
- 1 Distinction

I'm really happy with my results, especially my Distinction in ICT. It was one of my favourite subjects and I'm taking it at A Level as well. There's just so much you can do with computers, it's quite amazing. And it's so important to the modern world now which is really interesting. I'm also going to study Economics, Business Studies and History at South Hunsley and I think being in the Sixth Form will be a nice change from Year 11.



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The sky's the limit for our students

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- 35% 5+A*-A pass rate
- 35 students with straight A*-As
- Exceptional progress made in English, Maths and Science



LUCY JUPP

GCSEs achieved

- 1 A
- 5 Bs
- 4 Cs
- 1 D

Over 200 of our GCSE students will be heading home with a much sought after A* or A grade this summer with many more sweeping the board.

35% of our students are in the enviable position of achieving 5 or more A* and A grades which means that for 113 Year 11 students half of all their exam entries have been awarded the highest grades. In fact, 35 of these students having walked away with an impressive 10 or more grades at this highest level! In total, nearly a third of all our GCSE entries were awarded an A* or A grade which is a remarkable achievement and testament to the hard work of our students.

However, achieving an A grade isn't the only accolade our students can claim this year and for many doing their best isn't about getting an A or A*. The GCSE exam results help us to assess the progress our students make in English, Science and Maths and they show that a large number of our students have made exceptional progress. Progress is based on past performance and quantifies the level of gain in students' attainment from Key Stage 2 to the end of Key Stage 4.

Students making 3 levels of progress by the end of Key Stage 4 are considered to have made good progress and anything more is considered exceptional progress. In English 41% of students made exceptional progress and 45% of students did so in Science. Progress in Maths was even more impressive with 52% of students making exceptional progress.



JENNY NEWTON

GCSEs achieved

- 1 A*
- 5 As
- 5 Bs

I've done really well and definitely better than I expected. I wasn't expecting my As in English Language or Biology because they were pretty hard exams, but I worked really hard for them so I'm very pleased. I'm taking my A Levels at South Hunsley Sixth Form and studying Government and Politics, Economics, Maths and Physics – I'm looking forward to the freedom and independence that sixth form brings.



HARRY INGHAM

I think I've done alright! I like to think I tried really hard

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