

Excellent Achievements by Varndean College Students across the Board

Varndean College is delighted with the success of its students who have continued to improve an impressive Advanced Level record: the overall pass rate was 98.2% with 56.5% achieving A*-B. 78.8% achieved A*-C and two thirds of all subjects achieved a 100% pass rate. The AS pass rate was 88.6%.

College Principal, Dr Philip Harland, applauded the hard work and dedication of his students, saying "Our students have shown what they can do through hard work and commitment - they thoroughly deserve their success. I also want to pay tribute to the efforts of my staff which have resulted in a 2% improvement on our A* to C pass rate which was already outstanding."

The college has seen a 39% increase in the number of university places offered to its students since 2007 and this year there was also a record number of Oxbridge place offers. The college has achieved some outstanding results over the past 12 months at all levels, from Level 1 to Level 3. In the recent UK Maths Trust Challenge the college was the top state school in Sussex and Kent with three students winning gold awards and a further eight silver awards.

Varndean College is also the only college designated by the Government to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma in Brighton & Hove and is now in its fifth year of running this alternative advanced level programme. The IBD allows students to continue an all-round education and the college this year achieved some of the best results in the UK with three students in the top 0.25% of 55,000 candidates worldwide, including 1 who achieved the maximum number of marks.

The college also offers a range of Foundation Learning programmes in association with the Crew Club in Whitehawk for young people who under-achieved at school or only came to the UK very recently. Recently, a group of these students took part in The Young Enterprise Company Programme competition, founding and running their own company which won awards for Best Company (beating prestigious private schools) Best Marketing, Best Brand and Young Achiever.

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